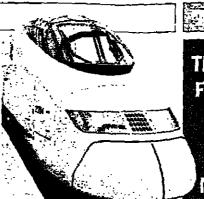
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700,000 exiles take the road home

Exodus begins as militia are driven from Zaire camps

FROM SAM KILEY IN GOMA

HUNDREDS of thousands of Rwandan Hutu refugees joined a gigantic flood of humanity 25 miles long yesterday in an exodus with a difference - they were going home.

Packing their belongings into sacks, rolling their mattresses into bundles, they heaved their lives on to their heads after extremist Hutu militia who had held them captive for two years were overrun in a brilliant surprise

attack by east Zaire's rebels. "We had 50,000 refugees crossing into Rwanda as of mid-afternoon. There are another 300,000 to 400,000 on the move, Fernando del Mundo, a spokesman for the United Nations High Comnussioner for Refugees, said. Ray Wilkinson, also of the UN, said the camps were now empty of all but the dead.

It seems the whole pocket around Goma and Mugunga involving 700,000-plus people is on the move, most of them in this direction," he said, Mugunga camp is complete



ly empty, but we have been discovering massacre sites within the camp.

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"At this rate, most of these people could be home by the weekend," he added. "It is extraordinary we have seen the cracking of this problem in one day."

Despite the dramatic exodus the countries planning to ioin a multinational force were continuing yesterday to prepare troops for deployment to the region. In New York, the United

Nations Security Council agreed on a resolution to deploy the force which was due to be adopted last night. A British reconnaissance

party also arrived in Nairobi last night to begin assessing the requirements for Britain's contribution. However, the Rwandan Government said vesterday that the return of the refugees removed the need for an international force.

The rebels assaulted militia positions on Thursday afternoon and had driven their yesterday morning.

Rwandan Hutu civilians were then ordered to leave for home. They needed little persuasion after two years in refugee camps as prisoners of the militia which was behind the 1994 genocide in Rwanda.

About 35 people, including women and children who had been collecting water from an Oxfam storage tank, were allegedly murdered by Rwan-dan Tutsi soldiers in revenge for the genocide. A few very young babies were discovered among the dead and the wounded and were rushed to a



A 25-mile column of refugees trudges back to Rwanda from Mugunga camp in Zaire. The camp was deserted last night. About 35 people were killed by advancing Tutsis

hospital in Goma by Merlin. the British medical agency.

The incident marred what was otherwise an almost happy occasion, even though the refugees' leaders had tried to persuade them that they would be slaughtered when

they got back to Rwanda. Juvenal Harelymana, 24, knew he would have to face enquiries into whether he participated in the genocide when he got to Rwanda. "I am

not afraid. I did not do anything wrong during the genocide so I have nothing to fear," he said.

Earlier claims by aid agencies that hundreds were dying in Mugunga camp, where the refugees had been concentrated, have proved entirely false. They were given two weeks' food, two days before the great march home, and their water supply system was intact in spite of the fighting.

The first 10,000 refugees crossed into Rwanda in an hour and a half yesterday morning and were housed in a reception centre. But the breathtaking number of others behind them are likely to overwhelm the relief agencies and the Rwandan Government who have jointly planned for an influx of

250,000 people. As Rwanda's Hutus headed home along the main road, the

rebels continued to flow west. deeper into Zaire. Their prev were the Interahamwe, the extremist Hutu militia. Heavily armed and scowling, they jogged in single file over rolling hills to hunt down their

Handfuls of others watched the refugee flood with indifference. "They are not interested in us. It's the militia they are after. They don't want to kill us," said Juvenal.

Paulin Ndahayo, 20, an aspiring Hutu poet and former translator, was visibly delighted at the sight of the rebels. He had been repeatedly threatened with murder by the Interahamwe because he spoke English.

'l am very relieved to be out of this. I am going home, home. I have dreamed of this moment and lived in fear for two years." he said.

Mr Wilkinson said: "From an humanitarian point of view a major nut has been cracked. We've got what we wanted. Instead of waiting a month for UN military intervention during which many people would have died, the rebels have sorted out the problem."

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Court ruling to free hundreds from jail

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

HUNDREDS of prisoners are to be freed from jail early after a High Court ruling yesterday that the method used for calculating inmates' release dates was unlawful.

The unanimous decision is expected to trigger a flood of compensation claims from inmates and ex-offenders going back six years, which could enst El8 million.

Two prisoners at the centre of the ruling were freed from jail within hours of yesterday's S-page unanimous judgment by the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Bingham of Cornhill, and two other judges. Fifty other prisoners could be released within the next few days.

Michelle Evans left Broc-

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khill jail near Redditch, where she had been serving two years for robbery and bur-glary and Paul Reid left Onley young offender's institution near Rugby, where he was serving 27 months for bur-

The prison service said early indications suggested that about 820 prisoners would be affected by the changes, with about 50 eligible for imminent release. More than 540 inmates were freed in August during the early release fiasco over the calculation of consecunive sentences.

Ann Widdecombe, the prisons minister, defended the Government's position and Continued on page 2, col 1 | peace process Page 6

BMW gets £50m aid for new plant

BMW is to build a new Rover engine plant in the West Midlands after the Government put up cash aid likely to top £50 million. The German company was enticed by sweeteners that include free land, help with the infrastructure and training, along withPage 27 low wages

Schoolgirls riot

More than a hundred girls from rival schools in Wimbledon, southwest London, ran riot after two of them argued over a boyfriend......Page 5

Ulster peace hope Sir Patrick Mayhew made his most conciliatory speech about Sinn Fein since the collapse of the LRA ceasefire, breathing new life into the

Hunt on to find widow, 89, with £2m lottery ticket

BY PAUL WILKINSON

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one case before when a lady

didn't want to claim her prize.

Unless the person does contact

AN ELDERLY widow from Hull says she is the missing owner of the ticket for a National Lottery prize of almost £2.1 million, the biggest unclaimed sum. The woman contacted the Hull Daily Mail anonymously claiming that her husband had bought the

ticket shortly before his death, but she did not want the

In her letter the woman, who is 89, says she is too scared to collect her winnings and has asked that the money go to the hospitals which cared for her dying husband in his final days. But unless she specifies which ones they are, the prize will go into the lottery

The winning numbers were 8, 20, 26, 34, 42, 43, and the distribution fund, which gives unclaimed prize money to a variety of good causes. bonus hall was 25. The writer Stan Szecowka, the paper's claims that her husband had deputy editor, said he was chosen the winning numbers convinced that her letter was in the May 25 draw in the first and only gamble of his life, but he died four months ago not a hoax and urged the pensioner to come forward before the deadline of llam

before they had decided to

collect the money.

She wrote: "I have the can no longer be cashed. Camelot, the lottery organisers, said: "We can winning lottery ticket, my late husband bought it. I was very shocked when he did, he had for the May 25 draw was purchased in Hull. The sum never gambled in his life, so I don't know why he did it. It was a grand feeling to win, but too late. I am 89 years of age. Sorry, but I don't wish to give my name. I am sure the fuss

Nothing slips down easier than a Hen with no bones. er. There were periods when I was getting 12 fish a minute on the same chewed up maggot. Then things would grind almost to a halt. There were times when I was getting only two or three a minute. I just had to keep my head down. I A perfect combination just had to keep on concentrating. I was absolutely shattered of smoothness and strength, with a subtle Bleak bashing" is a far cry

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Bleak news for the fish as angler lands five a minute came faster, sometimes slow-

By Brian Clark, angling correspondent

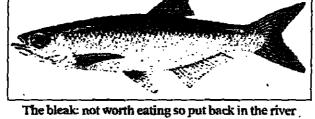
BRITAIN's match anglers salmon, barbel and chub. have a new target. In a Almost all the fish caught competition fished on the River Wye in Herefordshire the first three anglers averaged more than 1,000 fish apiece in 300 minutes. The winner

caught 1,500. The match results and the winners' tactics are analysed in the current issue of Angling Times, the matchman's tabloid Wisden.

The match was the Hereford and District Angling Association Open, on a river famous for big fish, with

were bleak, a fish so tiny that they could free fall through a jamjar without touching its sides. A typical bleak weighs one third of an ounce. A glasscase bleak, if one can imagine such a trophy, would weigh half an ounce or a little more.

Larry Salter, of Ebbw Vale, landed enough to make up a total weight of 46lb 12oz, a bleak match record. The secand biggest bag also broke the record, which had stood at 44 lb 202 for years. The third



biggest bag was not far behind. Salter, a "human windmill" according to Angling Times,

took his fish on a single hook

at a rate of five a minute, one

every 12 seconds. In that time

he had to cast out, get a bite, hook a fish, bring it in, unhook it, put it into a net for weighing later — and then rebait his hook if necessary.

"It was incredible," he said yesterday . "Sometimes they

from the way most anglers fish. Most coarse anglers think bleak fishing is barmy -Continued on page 3.col 1 Leading article, page 23

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If the Lords backed Mr How-

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ional Association for the Care

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ers, said: "We trust that this

time the Prison Service has

made plans to ensure these

prisoners will be adequately

prepared for their release,

thus avoiding the problems

that occurred with the un-

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A Home Office spokesman

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Howard knows how to pick his enemies THE TIMES ON MONDAY IT HAS been a surprisingly good week for the Home Secretary. Surprising, be-cause the headlines have dwelt on his defeats in court. and the minister anxious to keep agitators from foreign shores on foreign shores. Mr Howard's crime in Isthe eyes of many of those the Home lington eyes is to have defied honour. Michael Gove explains Good, because those defeats the progressive consensus in draw to the attention of a home affairs to which his wider audience just who Michael Howard has been fighting. The bruises he has predecessors deferred. While to provide the public with the Mrs Thatcher's ministers won the economic arguments, they protection they required. sustained this week are, in the were more muted on social Mr Howard's prescription over, by seeking to clip judi-cial wings. Mr Howard is seen to be defending the supremacy of the Parliament in which those MPs sit. matters. The consequence was a of tougher sentences, more prisons and changes in the eyes of those he is keen to impress, badges of honour. For a man spoken of as a future leader of the Conservalaw to help the police aligned him with Middle England but alienated him from the higher rising crime rate, a sense among voters that politicians tive Party, it is important to were detached from their professions. Home Office civil Judges aside, the position of concerns and a waning in respect for the justice system. have the right enemies in the eyes of one's honourable servants, lawyers and judges Parliament has been under-THE GOOD were deeply hostile to reform of the failing system over which they had presided. At the time Mr Howard mined by allegations of sleaze friends. On the Tory benches, and indeed in sections of the became Home Secretary. and the encroachment of **SCHOOLS GUIDE SCHOOLS** Tory press, it is no disadvan-BBC's Panorama was investi-Brussels. The man most asso-The vocal opposition of these vested interests has been gating the growing appetite for vigilante action across the ciated with sleaze allegations tage to be seen as the enemy of liberal judges, the man who said no to Mohamed Al Fayed WEEK Starting on Monday, against this administration country. He made it his task the best signal to Tory MPs has been Mohamed Al Fayed. the series every THE TIMES

High Court condemns prisons confusion

By RICHARD FORD AND ADRIAN LEE

THE Prison Service suffered a fresh blow yesterday when the High Court ruled that it had been calculating release dates on concurrent sentences unlawfully for almost 30

In a unanimous decision. three judges headed by Lord Bingham of Cornhill, the Lord Chief Justice, upheld a test case brought as a result of this summer's fiasco over the early release of 541 immates serving consecutive sentences.

The judges said: "It appears that defendants are remaining in prison when the sentencing court did not intend that they

Lord Bingham said: "The principle that a prisoner's release date should be beyond dispute, and that the provisions governing it should be easy to apply, is of great importance. It is not, on any showing, a test which the present provisions meet. They are not clear to the courts, or the legal profession, or prisoners or, it would seem, the

The judges held that the Prison Service's method of deducting time spent on remand from the overall length of sentences was fatally flawed. Lord Bingham concluded: "It appears that defendants are remaining in prison when the sentencing court did

not intend that they should."

The ruling overturns earlier court decisions going back to 1982 which had all upheld the Prison Service's method of calculating jail terms in concurrent cases. They included judgments involving a host of senior members of the judiciary including Lord Woolf, the Master of the Rolls, Lord Lane, the former Lord Chief Justice. Lord Justice Simon Brown, Lord Justice Russell

and Lord Lloyd. The judges confirmed the case raised a point of law of general public importance, but refused leave to appeal to the House of Lords. Lord Bingham said they were not attempting to thwart the Home Office and that it was still open to Mr Howard to apply to the Lords for leave to appeal.

Within hours of the judgment, the two prisoners who brought the case were released from custody. Michelle Evans, one of the prisoners, was jailed for two years for terrorising a stranger in the street before robbing her of jewellery. Clare Lewis, 18, was ap-

proached by Evans, a single parent, in the Grangetown area of Cardiff. An engagement ring was torn from her finger and two gold chains from her neck. In January. Cardiff Crown Court heard that the victim pleaded to keep her engagement ring. In return Miss Evans, now 22, demanded a pair of gold earrings.

police who were already holding a warrant for her arrest after another burglary. She pleaded guilty to robbery, burglary and absconding.

Jailing her, Judge Michael Burr said the sentence reflected how seriously courts would deal with those who robbed members of the public in the

Paul Reid, from Manor Park, east London, the other prisoner in yesterday's case. was jailed for 27 months at Snaresbrook Crown Court in May, for four household burglaries and one handling charge. The break-ins were carried out in the East Ham and South Woodford areas between August 1994 and May

The bruises he has suffered this week are, in Secretary is keen to impress, badges of

> that Mr Howard is addresswavering supporters. More

Simply to be seen denying him citizenship, for whatever reason, will endear Mr Howard to embattled colleagues.

Those same colleagues have also been made increasingly aware of Mr Howard's Euro-scepticism. Offending judges in Strasbourg plays well with the Right, even more than annoying judges in the Strand. Also, Mr How-ard's cheerleaders point out. he was the first minister to propose a power be returned to Britain from Brussels.

For those cheerleaders, it is Mr Howard's resolve more than the results that matter But, for Mr Howard's Tory of reverses in the courts make prone. He will certainly not be nelped if he has to give taxpayers money to criminals as compensation for too long a stay in prison. Moreover, Mr Howard's critics argue. his defeats are all the more dishonourable because his position is dictated by calculation, not conviction.

The Home Secretary is certainly ambitious, but in choosing to confront the liberal establishment he has displayed a certain courage. Vilification aside, he has demed himself the benefit of the doubt from traditional sources extended to his more consensual fore-runners. His enemies are hungry for his bamiliation. But it is by the vigour of their opposition that he is strengthened where it counts on the backbenches.

Accused activist freed after six years inside

By RICHARD FORD

A SIKH activist who spent six years in prison awaiting deportation for alleged terrorist activities was freed yesterday after the European Court of Human Rights ruled that if he returned to India he risked torture and mistreatment.

Within an hour of the judgment Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, ordered the Chahal from Bedford prison, where he had spent six years fighting an expulsion order.

The country's longest serv-ing detainee embraced his wife and two teenage children outside the jail. He said: "I am not angry. I am very happy. It is just like a dream."

The court said the British government's untested allegations about Mr Chahal's terrorist activities and his threat to UK national security, were not a consideration in its decision. The judges ruled by 21 votes to seven that if Mr Chahal, 48, from Luton in Bedfordshire, was deported to India, as the then Home Secretary Kenneth Clarke had ordered in 1991, the Government would breach his human rights safeguarding citizens against mistreatment. The court also ruled that his rights had been violated by the absence of a judicial involvement in testing the "national security" grounds on which he was to be deported.

The judges said that although they were well aware of the difficulties faced by countries fighting terrorist violence, the European Convention on Human Rights absolutely prohibited torture or inhuman treatment, irrespective of the person in

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"It was therefore unnecessary for the court to enter into a consideration of the Government's untested, but no doubt bona fide allegations about Mr Chahal's terrorist activities and the threat posed by him to national security," the judgment said.
"The only relevant question

was whether substantial grounds had been shown for believing that he would be ill-

treated in India." They said they were persuaded by evidence from Amnesty International and the US State Department that until 1994 at least some in the Punjab police were accustorned to acting without regard to the human rights of

suspected Sikh militants. But they ruled by 13 votes to six that the fact that Mr Chahal had been in detention and uncharged for so long was not a breach of his human rights. The case involved serious considerations and it had not been in the public interest to act hastily.



Karamjit Singh Chahal waves to supporters yesterday as he leaves Bedford prison after the Home Secretary ordered his release

The problem that was ringing alarm bells

By RICHARD FORD

MICHAEL HOWARD has known for months of mounting alarm within the Prison Service about the complexity of calculating the release dates of inmates from prison. Derek Lewis, the former Director General of the Prison Service, warned the Home Secretary last year that the "law governing sentence calculation is difficult and arcane". In a memo seen by The Times, he

Mr Howard and Ann Widdecombe, the prisons Minister, that the complexity of the system led to legal challenge, a high error rate and arbitrary results: "The law governing sentence calculation has evolved over the past thirty years piecemeal.

Successive layers of legislation have added to the complexities over time and created uneasy, and sometimes unworkable, juxtapositions. The resuits are so complex that only a handful of people in the prison service and legal advisers branch together have full mastery of the technical application of the law in the most

complex of individuals." The task facing prison staff who have to calculate at least 120,000 sentences each year was highlighted by a sentence calculation manual sent to prisons in August. It was this revised manual, based on Home Office legal advice, which triggered the early release of 541 inmates serving consecutive sentences and a series of court hearings culminating in yesterday's decision on concurrent sentences. The revised guidance on consecutive

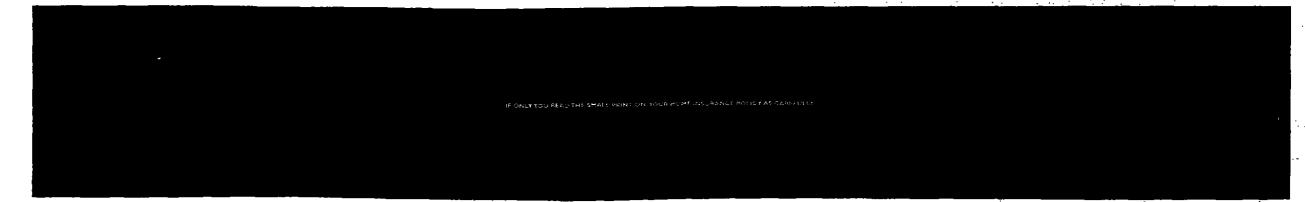
sentences, often given to hardened criminals, was that the total time spent on remand should be taken off each jail term. Michael Howard ordered a halt to the early releases after receiving further legal advice from David Pannick QC, and at the end of August won the backing of the High Court. They ruled that it was "an absurdity" if the total time spent on remand for a series of offences was to be reduced from each consecutive sentence handed down by the court. It was to be reduced from the overall sentence.

Mr Justice Popplewell said that under the Prison Service guidelines, a day just doing the calculations."

man who had spent a year on remand in prison and was sentenced to a year in jail for ten offences consecutively would be released immediately whereas his accomplice who had received bail would face ten years in prison.

However, in backing Mr Howard on consecutive jail terms, the judges warned that there was ambiguity over the correct treatment of concurrent sentences, often given to less serious

David Roddan, general secretary of the Prison Governors Association, welcomed yesterday's clarification of the way sentences should be calculated: "In a busy local prison, a governor would be occupied for half a day every



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Car linked to handbag snatch smashed into college friends as they jogged

Medical student killed by hit-and-run driver

A MEDICAL student died and her friend was seriously injured after a hit-and-run driver struck them as they jogged through a park. Caroline Elliott, 22, who

died from head injuries yester-day, and Sarah Edenbrow, 21, were due to begin a new course together next week at Liverpool University. It is thought that the driver, who was travelling at up to 80mph. was escaping after snatching a handbag near by.
Miss Edenbrow, from Bos-

ton, Lincolnshire, was said to be in a serious condition last night with head and leg inju-ries. She shared a flat with Miss Elliott, from St Albans.

The fourth-year students were jogging in the rain in Sefton Park, Liverpool, when they were struck on Thursday evening Friends and tutors spoke of their shock yesterday. Sanit Gosh, president of Liver-pool University Medical Students' Society, said: "Caroline was a wonderful person. We are all terribly upset."

The two young women had just completed a course in childcare. On Monday they were due to start an obstetrics and gynaecology course at Liverpool Women's Hospital

Professor Bernard Wood, the dean of the faculty of medicine at the University of Liverpool, said: "Caroline represented all that is good about medical students. She was diligent and caring but adven-turous, too. She had studied in South Africa and was planning to visit Sweden to study next year." Miss Elliott has a brother and sister.

A spokesman for the Medical Students' Union said Miss Elliott's colleagues were "ut-terly devastated" by her death. Caroline was immensely



The Vauxhall Astra that hit the women was found burnt out in a car park. It was stolen on Monday



was unbelievable. She put so much of herself into every-

student and a good netball player. She had her whole life ahead of her. She was a popular and she had lots of beautiful, intelligent woman. friends. She was so talented it It is so sad. She had only one

year to go and she would have

Miss Elliott had been due to take part in a fashion show in the near future. A rehearsal planned for last night was cancelled. She had represented the university at netball.

A witness said the students

escape from the path of the car. Fred Hill, 75, said: "The car wasn't driving, it was flying. I saw the car seconds before it hit the girls. It was travelling at about 80mph. There was no way they could have got out of the way." A nurse who was passing

helned the students. Merseyside Police believe that the driver of the vehicle, which was stolen from Broad Green, had been involved in a handbag snatch at the Tesco supermarket car park in the Allerton area. It may also have hit a parked car in Mossley Hill at about 5.30pm.

Detective Chief Inspector Peter Edge, crime manager for south Liverpool, appealled for witnesses yesterday. "The exact movements of the girls are not known," he said. "It was during the rush-hour and it was dark and raining. We would like to speak anyone who saw any one of the incidents: the bag-snatch at Tesco, the minor collision, the fatal collision or the abandoned car being left or burnt." Miss Edenbrow's parents,

Maureen and John, also appealed for witnesses. They said: "Our hearts and thoughts are with Caroline's parents and family. We would appeal to any witnesses to the incident or anyone who can help in any way to contact Merseyside Police."

Mr Edge said that a woman had her handbag stolen as she was loading shopping into the boot of her car just after 5.30pm. The car sped from the scene and moments later clipped a parked car. The girls were jogging at the

Croxteth gate entrance to Sefton Park when the car hit them two or three minutes later. The Vauxhall Astra, index number J541 HHT, had been stolen from Thingwall



Caroline Elliott, 22, died of head injuries the morning after the crash

minutes later and burnt out in the car park of Belham Towers, a block of council

Mr Edge said: "We cannot be certain that it was one car involved in all these incidents,

but we believe it was. We need many people to come forward as possible.

"We still need to establish where the women were when they were hit. We would urge the occupants of the car, or anyone who is hiding them, to

forward." Richard Oswick, a spokesman for Merseyside Ambulance Service, described the crash as appalling. He said: "The incident is made all the worse because the driver left the

TV show on antiques inspired burglar

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A BURGLAR raided a museum and stole 18th-century antiques worth an estimated £50,000 after watching a BBC television programme about the collection, police believe.

Detectives said that the thief may well have seen an edition of Going For A Song before planning the raid at Bantock House Museum in Wolverhampion and finding a buyer for the haul. A canteen of cutlery, including 23 silver knives and two porcelainhandled forks, a wig powderer and a collection of Birmingham enamels and snuff boxes were taken. All the items stolen featured in the programme when it was relaunched last January with Michael Parkinson as host.

Detective Constable Peter Lane, of West Midlands police, said: "It seems a bit more than coincidence that they should all have been taken. It looks as if they could have been stolen to order

following the programme."

After forcing a first-floor window last Thursday, the burglar crossed a conservatory roof before gaining access to the collection. The BBC last night described the raid as "unfortunate". Greg Hayman, a spokseman, said: "It's one of those very unhappy coincidences. It's true that the items did all feature on the pro-gramme, but they were also on public display, so people were able to view them.

Wolverhampton Borough Council, which administers the museum, said: "The hurglar obviously knew what he was going for and it looks as though he stole to order. Kathleen Howe, curator at Bantock House, agreed. We believe the burglary was carried out by one person who was extremely professional. He did not by-pass the security alarm but got away before police arrived. The collection was very rare and

Drummer loses iob overture over drinking

By Paul WILKINSON

DRINKING was a regular feature of life among members of a leading BBC orchestra, an industrial tribunal was told yesterday. Some principal musicians allegedly took beta blockers because of the stresses of a punishing schedule

But a timpanist was ruled to have been fairly dismissed for drunkenness after a series of incidents during a live broadcast, when he missed an entry and caused a noisy interrup-tion as a wheel from a kettle

drum rolled off the rostrum.
Ray Lomax, 41, had told the
Manchester hearing that he
had celebrated his birthday last January by drinking wine, gin and beer before an evening concert with the Philharmonic Orchestra. He was later replaced because his playing. was "erratic". Afterwards he was sacked for "persistent gross insobriety".

Mr Lomax, who had been

with the orchestra for 20 years, told the hearing: "The timpani are quite a close set, a family really. We celebrate each others' birthdays with a meal. I had a gin and tonic and a couple of glasses of wine. After rehearsal, I went to the pub and had a couple of pints of bitter.

"I do not really believe what I consumed affected my playing. Maybe my mental state wasn't up to scratch, but what happened to the timpani was a complete accident. The wheel on one of the drums fell off the edge I wasn't playing at the time so I grabbed it and brought it back. It was a bit of a shock and I had to get my place back. I don't disagree that I missed the first entering but I am contesting that my performance was completely



Lomax lost wheel was "a bit of a shock"

erratic. Apart from the open ing, the rest was perfect."

Mr Lomax from Stockport. Greater Manchester, had received a written warning after an earlier incident involving drink in May, 1995. At an internal BBC appeal against his sacking. Mr Lomax had

claimed problems from his

divorce had upset him. Sandra Horne, controller of BBC regional broadcasting. said that Stan Martin, deputy secretary of the Musician's Union, had told the appeal that hard-drinking was common: "Mr Martin said some principal players were taking beta blockers and others had to find other ways to deal with pressure. He said that there was a drinking culture among musicians and their bosses

were aware of this." Dismissing the claim of unfair dismissal yesterday. the tribunal chairman Michael Coles said: We have considerable sympathy with this applicant. The action was at the top end of harshness but we do not consider it unfair."

Racing cars make a comeback in Goodwood classic

By IAN MURRAY, COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

HISTORIC racing cars are to return to Goodwood, the West Sussex circuit where Stirling Moss once duelled with Fangio. Closed to racing for 30 years, Goodwood is planning to reopen in Sep-tember, 1998, with a meeting for veteran sports cars. It will mark the fiftieth anniversary of the first race.

The go-ahead was given by John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, who decided not to order a planning inquiry into the scheme, even though it runs counter to the Sussex development plan. Chichester council, which controls planning in the area, voted 29-12 in September to accept the proposal, even though its environment com-mittee said unsilenced cars would create "unacceptable

noise levels". The Earl of March and Kinrara, who owns Good-wood, has promised to build earth barriers to limit the noise. He anticipates that the the return to racing will create up to 68 full-time and 40 part-time jobs. Historic meetings will be limited to

the track can be used for up to 260 other days a year for other motoring events.

We just want a very limited programme for these old cars," he said. "Apart from those five days a year the track will be very much quieter than at present and there will be 100 totally silent days a year instead of the 30 required at present."

Objecters include the Council for the Protection of Rural England, the South Downs Conservation Board and the Sussex Wildlife Trust. Apart from the noise levels, they are concerned that events attracting crowds of over 20,000 could spoil the countryside, destroy wildlife habitats and make life in

nearby villages intolerable. Bob Trinder, chairman of the Environmental Protection Group formed to coordinate the campaign against the Goodwood pro-posals, said last night that objectors planned further moves to stop the meetings



A sports car race at Goodwood in the 1950s

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Angler hauls in five fish a minute

Continued from page I troutmen think it is ridiculous. Alburnus alburnus was a once common in rivers in England and Wales, but is now found in abundance mainly in the Herefordshire Wye. It feeds close to the surface when the river is full and can then be caught in huge numbers. It is not considered worth cating and, like most coarse fish, is put

back into the river. The techniques for eatching bleak in numbers were developed in mainland Europe. The

Italians, who used them to sweep the board in the 1976 World Championship in Bulgaria. Now continental methods are practised by a small but growing section of the match fishing fraternity here. The rods the bleak men use

are not traditional - they are short, ultra-light whips" made of carbon fibre and two or three metres long. The line is fastened directly to the end and minute floats, weights and barbless hooks are at-

first great masters were the The fish are lured close in by groundbaiting and the hookbait is simply swung out among them. "Whip fishing is all about rhythm," Salter says.

You have to practise and practise. When you are in business you have to be sure that every time you swing a fish in it is going to come to exactly the same spot by your shoulder. Your hand has to be there, waiting to catch it. Even before the fish touches the water in the keepnet, your right hand has to have the bait back among the bleak and

your left hand has to be back by your shoulder again. It's like continuous saluting."

Salter prefers the top piece from a traditional old rod to carbon fibre. "It's perfect". he said. "It's really suff. You can't afford anything too bendy because it might wobble when you are swinging a fish back and the fish might miss your hand. That would be a disaster. It could cost seconds. You can't afford that at this

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JACK DANIEL'S TENNESSEE WHISKEY



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Stone rolls home, despite cynics and a shoebox

THE Stone of Destiny, the ancient symbol of Scotland's nationhood, was back on Scottish soil yesterday after 700 years' absence and an hour's delay caused by a bomb scare.

The small border town of Coldstream, decked out in celebratory red, white and blue bunting, earned a place in Scottish history as hun-dreds lined the streets to welcome home the 410lb red sandstone slab, also known as the Stone of Scone

The first time the corona-tion stone of British monarchs had passed over the River Tweed was in 1296, travelling in the other direction as stolen cargo in the baggage of the conquering English King Edward I, the "Hammer of the Scots". He placed it beneath a chair at Westminster Abbey to symbolise the subjugation of the Scottish nation. The last time time the stone made a brief visit to Scotland was in 1950 with a great deal less ceremony: smuggled in the back of an unreliable Ford Anglia by four Scottish students who had stolen it from Westminster Abbey.

Yesterday, under clearing autumn skies, at 11.06am 700 years, one hour and six minutes after it left — the relic recrossed the border to the sound of a lone piper and a solitary cry of "Freedom!" from someone in the exuberant crowd. It was the climax of a 400-mile journey from Thursday when the stone left Westminster Abbey at 7am security alert swung into ac-



Edward I seized the stone for England

under police guard on a journey broken by an over-night stay at Albemarle Barracks near Newcastle upon

Travelling in the back of a green army Land Rover, out of sight in a blue box with a red wax seal, it reached the border at 10am. The return had been engulfed by an intensive security operation involving sniffer dogs and police boat patrols on the Tweed. Coldstream had been

The security sweep failed to spot a shoebox on the English, side of the bridge, apparently placed there after the police search an hour earlier. It led to a start-stop ceremony as a

tion. Pipe bands which had started playing at 10.20am stopped and the ceremonial grand of 40 members of The King's Own Scottish Borderers lining the bridge watched as army bomb disposal experts swept past. It proved to be an empty shoe-box that kept the stone in England for an extra hour and six min-

Eventually the stone was escorted by The Coldstream Guards onto Coldstream bridge, where it was welcomed midway by Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secre-tary, and Major-General Sir John Swinton, the Lord Lieu-tenant of Berwickshire, who

toasted it with a dram.

The stone was piped over the Tweed by Captain Gavin Stoddart with The Return of the Stone, a melody he composed for the occasion. The pipes, drums and brass of the Lowland Band of The Scottish Division and The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders took up the theme and escorted the pride of Scotland triumphantly into Cold-stream along streets lined with cheering crowds. At the former town hall it was welcomed by Mr Forsyth and George Robertson, the

Shadow Scottish Secretary. Pat Gerber, author of The Search for the Stone of Destiny, was sceptical whether the real coronation stone of Scottish Kings was returning at all. The genuine article was marble and intricately carved, she said, and had never left Scotland. The sandstone slab returning was, according to Ms Gerber, an imposter. She believed the



Out of sight but much in mind: the stone, inside an army Land Rover, crossing the Tweed into Scotland

real stone had been hidden in anticipation of Edward I's

arrival 700 years ago. However, Scottish stone was Scottish stone "On the other hand, it has been a hostage for the past 700 years and it is always nice to see a hostage come home."

As far as a clutch of Scottish Nationalists from Dundee were concerned, the English could keep their hostage. The return was, they said, nothing more than a political stunt. Before they could acquaint the Scottish Secretary with their views, however, police

confiscated their loud-hailer. After the 30-minute welcome, the stone, still out of sight, continued its journey to Edinburgh, where staff at the laboratories of Historic Scotland, the government heritage agency, will decide if

relic will be on St Andrew's Day, November 30, when it will leave the Palace of Holyroodhouse for its journey up the Royal Mile to Edinburgh Castle, its final

Russians bank on shoestring Mars shot

By Nigel Hawkes SCIENCE EDITOR

RUSSIA hopes to revive its flagging reputation in space with the launch tonight of an ambitious Mars probe from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in

If all goes well. Mars 96 will be the second of a flotilla of spacecraft on their way to the red planet: Nasa's Mars Global Surveyor was launched ten days ago and Mars Pathfinder, also from Nasa, is due to go on Decem-

Mars 96 is the biggest gamble of the three, launched by an impoverished cadre of engineers who lacked even enough money to test it thoroughly. "It's highly ambitious," says James Oberg. an American expert on the Russian space programme. They're trying some new things at a time when they're having a hard time keeping up

The spacecraft consists of an orbiter and four robot landers. Two landers are designed to penetrate the surface of the planet to depths as great as six metres. To do this, the probes and associated electronics will have to survive crashing into Mars at up to 220 mph.

"They've put all their efforts into this probe," Mr Oberg says. "People have worked months without pay." Failure could mean the end for unmanned Russian probes, "If it doesn't work, they'll all be out driving cabs."

Insurer pays out no dough over mother's pride and joy

BY EMMA WILKINS

NATALIE STERN'S motherin-law happily lent her a at a family wedding in Jerusalem. There was no question she would take good care of the heirioom on the journey from Golders Green, north London to Israel. And if the worst happened, it was

Problems began when Mrs Stern removed the ring from her finger while baking bread in Jerusalem. She put it on a work surface and never saw it again, despite hours of

Then the insurance company refused to pay for the cost of replacing it. Her mother-in-law, Shoshana Stern. launched a legal fight to challenge the insurers. It ended yesterday after three years.

The Court of Appeal upheld an earlier court ruling that the Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society correctly refused

to meet the cost of replacing the item. Under the terms of the insurance contract, the ring should have been kept in a locked safe when not on the insured person's finger or within sight, reach and attention of the wearer.

Having worn the ring con-tinuously on the flight from London in May 1992, Mrs Stern left it on a kitchen work sunface for several hours while she kneaded some bread and then got on with housework. When she looked for the ring in the kitchen, she could not

So, began a desperate but fruitless search through rubbish bins inside and outside the flat and even in the freshly baked bread. Judge Nigel Hague, QC.

ruled at Slough County Court in December last year that Norwich Union was not obliged to cover the loss because of the policy clause which required the ring to be

kept in a locked safe when not being worn. The insurance company conceded in the Appeal Court that "wearing" within the meaning of the policy included some limited temporary removal, such as for hand-washing, but not the making of bread.

Michael Burke-Gaffney. QC for Shoshana Stern, argued that there was 110 material difference between taking off the ring for the washing of hands and ing it to make bread.

But Lord Justice McCowan said that even on a broad reading of the policy, it required the ring to be kept either in a locked safe or within sight, reach and attention of the wearer.

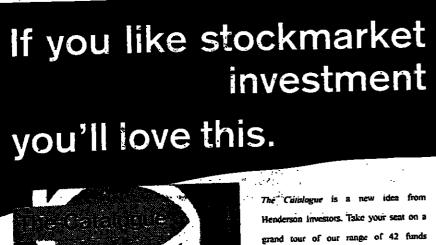
Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Potter agreed that Mrs Stern's appeal against Judge Hague's decision be dismissed. Mrs Stern, who was ordered to pay the costs of the action, was not in court.



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MPs mock Anon's Tribune vision of anti-Blair coup

By Philip Webster, political editor

THE left-wing weekly Tribune is planning to offer further column inches to Cassandra. the "senior" Labour MP who made a vitriolic attack on Tony Blair yesterday and pre-dicted a plot to ditch him.

The trail at Westminster of the self-effacing scribe went hot and cold yesterday and Mark Seddon, Tribune's Editor, blocked all attempts to secure the name of the author. He or she would be writing regularly, Mr Seddon said, although not every week. As with the media's original Cassandra, in the Daily Mirror, the Tories would often be on the receiving end.

Mr Seddon, who admitted that he and his journal were completely out of sympathy with the Blair "project", said: "It says something about the way the leadership runs things that people feel they cannot put their name to things like this."

Most Labour MPs and leadership officials dismissed the article yesterday as the act of a malcontent who had failed to prosper under Mr Blair. It was impossible to find anyone

Cassandra's scenario of Labour ditching its leader within months of its first election rictory for 23 years.

However, it was felt that he or she had identified a number of the issues that were worrying MPs as the election approached, such as tensions between members of the Shadow Cabinet, differences on taxation and Europe and the

alienation of the trade unions.

The Labour Party has been soft-hearted towards its leaders. While the Tories have removed leaders once they have served their purpose, Labour has been prepared to stick with likely losers rather than force them out. The very idea that Mr Blair would be vulnerable so soon after breaking through stretches the credulity of most observers.

in any case, the constitutional hurdles to a challenge would appear almost insurmountable. Under party rules. in government there can be a leadership contest only if the party conference supports such a move by card vote. Then a challenger would have

Blair tells Chirac of fears over currency

FROM JILL SHERMAN IN PARIS

TONY BLAIR gave the strongest indication yet that a Labour government would not join in the first wave of a single European currency as he spelt out a range of obstacles to

The Labour leader rold President Chirac of France, however, that he had not closed off the option entirely. He also admitted that Labour faced huge problems over public opinion, which was becoming increasingly anti-Brussels.

Mr Blair told M Chirac that Labour supported a single currency in principle but stressed that problems over meeting the economic convergence criteria could stop Brit-ain joining in 1999. "Our options are genuinely open,"

he told the President. "The option of joining is not closed off. But I will not hide there are difficulties to that."

After a meetings with both President Chirac and Alan Juppe, the French Prime Minister, Mr Blair told journalists that a Labour government would only sign up to a single currency if it was in the interests of the British people and if economic convergence was sustainable.

Mr Blair reiterated the message later in a speech to French businessmen. "We will need convincing that economic conditions will allow it [a single currency to succeed," he said. "Until these issues are resolved we will keep all options genuinely open."

names, of 20 per cent of the parliamentary party. The writer claimed: "Be-

hind the façade of unity and discipline the reality is that Tony Blair's position as leader of the Labour Party is weaker than any leader in memory." Mr Blair, the column said, was out of step with MPs, even those who had backed him for the leadership, was in a minority in the Shadow Cabinet central issues and had "squandered" the traditional

support of the union barons.
This is Blair's weakness. He knows he can ignore his habitual [hard left] Campaign Group critics but is unaware of just how widespread is the dissatisfaction and outright anger at the style of his leadership and policies among those MPs who put him in the

leadership," the column said.
"Starting with the anger
over the choice of a school for his son and running up to the expensive irrelevance of the Road to the Manifesto I have never known Labour MPs to be so bitterly and personally critical of their leader."

However, the prediction that Mr Blair could become "shortest-serving Prime Minister of this century", ousted by a "palace coup", drew laughter and ridicule.

The search for the culprit proved fruitless. The finger was pointed first at Brian Sedgemore, who contributes to Tribune, but he denied that the article was not by him. adding that it was "boringly written". Mr Sedgemore, along with other Labour dissenters in the frame who were contacted by The Times, also said he did not agree with with Cassandra's conclusions; some, however, supported the attack on the leadership style.

Denzil Davies, a former minister, also mentioned as the possible author, told The Times: "Not me, guv. I always sign my articles." Backbenchers, struck by the wildly implausible nature of the scenario portrayed, also raised the possibility that the article had not been written by an

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RAF Tornado F3s fly over Westminster Abbey watched, below left, by Lady Whittle, Sir Frank's widow



Tornados salute a soaring vision

world the jet engine was honoured yesterday with a flypast over central London by a collection of new and old jet fighters. Four RAF Tornado F3s followed by two privately owned Meteors thundered low over Westminster Abbey after a thanksgiving service there for Sir Frank Whittle.

Sir Frank, who died in August aged 89, became the father of high-speed air trav-el when he invented the jet in 1930. But the innovation was

siasm and it was only when the Air Ministry discovered Germany's wartime interest that it backed Sir Frank.

Meteor jet fighters entered service in 1944 and Sir Frank always maintained they could have played a pivotal role years earlier if his invention had been supported from the outset.

The two Meteors taking part in the flypast are owned by Martin Baker, the company that produced ejectionseats for most of the world's air forces. During the service Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon, Chief of the Air Staff, said: "It is given to few people, and even fewer in their own lifetime, to open up new horizons for their

fellow human beings. This is what Frank Whittle did by paving the way for popular air travel on a scale that few people thought pos-sible at the time. This practical realisation of a soaring vision is surely the very essence of genius

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Sir Frank Whittle

Mayhew welcomes ' Sinn Fein approach

By NICHOLAS WATT

SIR PATRICK MAYHEW breathed new life into the Northern Ireland peace process yesterday when he made his most conciliatory speech about Sinn Fein since the collapse of the IRA ceasefire.

In a wide-ranging address to business leaders in Manchester, the Northern Ireland Secretary made clear that ministers would respond favourably to a renewed IRA truce. Sir Patrick also hinted that the gap between Sinn Fein and the Government over the terms for a new ceasefire is narrowing when he welcomed a speech by Martin McGuin-ness, the leading republican, delivered on Thursday night. Sir Patrick's speech to the Manchester Luncheon Club —

five months to the day after an IRA bomb devastated the city centre — comes amid intensive efforts to restore the IRA ceasefire. John Hume, the leader of the SDLP, has been shouling between Gerry Ad-ams and British ministers.

Mr Hume and Irish Government sources last night welcomed Sir Patrick's com-ments. Nationalists were also encouraged. Mr McGuinness had called for inclusive talks and for Britain to lift preconditions on Sinn Fein's entry into 🥊 the negotiations, most notably the demand that the IRA must disarm during discussions. Sir Patrick said he agreed

wholeheartedly" with Mr McGuinness that negotiations were the only way forward, but he insisted that the IRA would have to restore its ceasefire before Sinn Fein could join the talks. That must mean dependably repudiating the bomb and the bullet and establishing a definitive commitment to peaceful methods."

The Northern Ireland Secretary noted Mr McGumness's comments that the issue of arms would have to be addressed to the satisfaction of all parties at the talks.

Underlining the Govern-ment's favourable response, he said: "Martin McGuinness says that if the conflict is to be ended permanently, and I note his use of that word, all should embrace the process in good faith. That is our approach, building on the rocks of democracy and consent. mocracy and consent."

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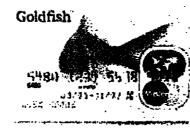
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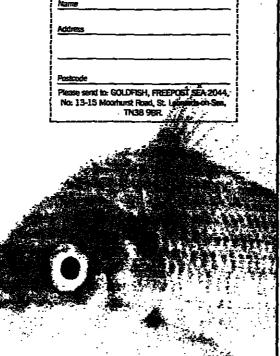
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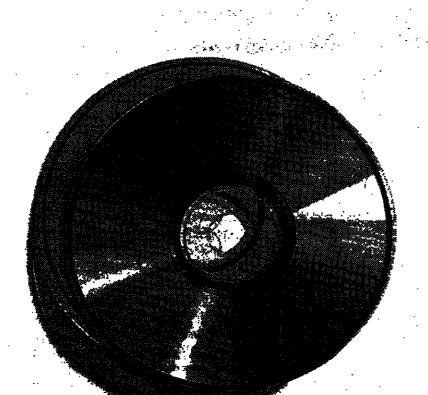
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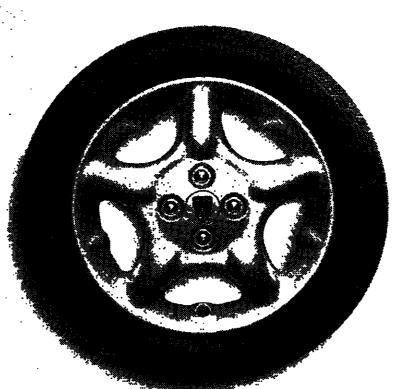


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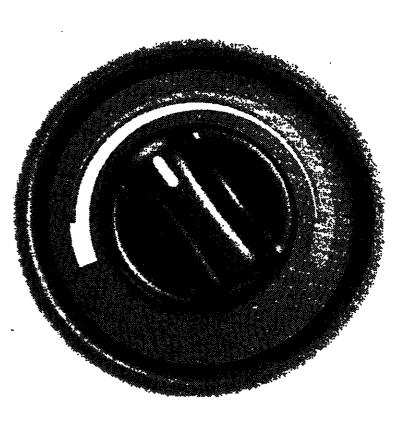
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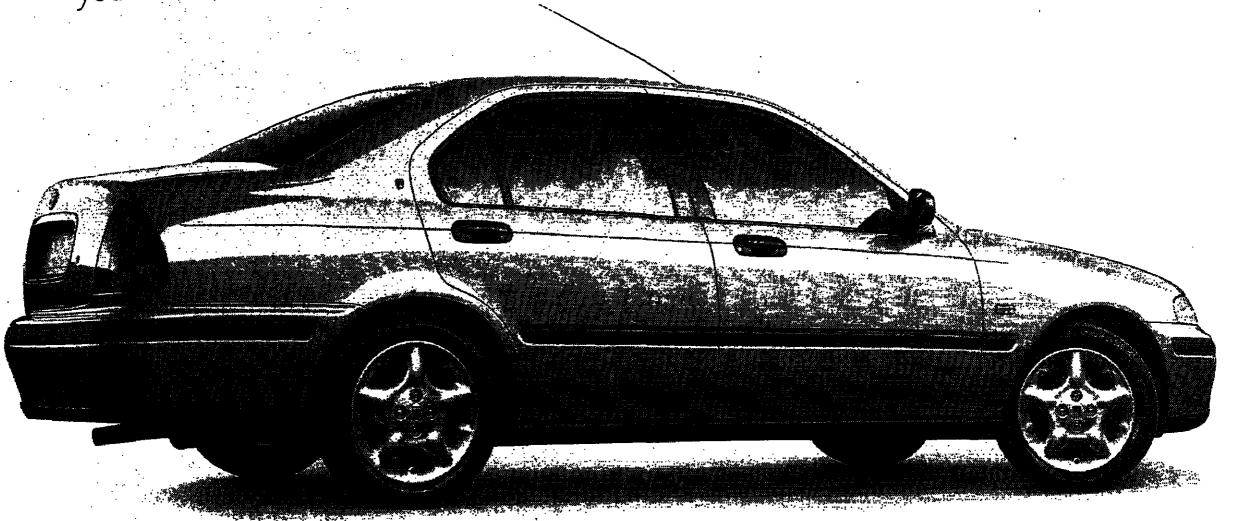
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THE SUNDAY TIMES **BOY GEORGE**



At the age of 35 - five of them working for Bill Clinton -George Stephanopoulos confesses that he is a burn-out case and is looking for a new job. Touted as a key figure in the Labour party election

frank account of the bruises and battles of his White House years to David Remnick, in The Sunday Times tomorrow

campaign, he gives a

THE SUNDAY PAPERS

Planners take the strain as architects reach for the sky

By MARCUS BINNEY

A RACE to change the skyline of London has intensified with a dramatic proposal to remodel one of the tallest City blocks with a glass spire and a cantilevered restaurant. There are now so many major building applications that planning officers struggling to cope with the sheer bulk of paperwork have named this period of the capital's architecture the Fork-

The latest plan is by the Spanish engineer-architect Santiago Calatrava, who wants to remodel the 34-storey Britannic Tower, currently the home of British Petroleum. He said: "I am trying to follow the tradition of the City of London. which was long dominated by a series of exotically shaped towers which enriched the

skyline from a great distance."
It would be a rival land-mark to the Millennium Tower, planned as the City's tallest structure by Sir Norman Foster, who beat Sr Calatrava to the contract for the rebuilding

of the Berlin Reichstag. Sr Calatrava's plan includes the addition of a sculptural glass spire, counter-balanced by a restaurant that would hover over the building like a giant diving board. Britannic Tower stands just to the east of the Barbican.

Paul Collier, a colleague of Sr Calatrava, said: "We will strip off all the existing cladding, retaining only the core structure and the concrete floors. The new cladding will be in white aluminium and

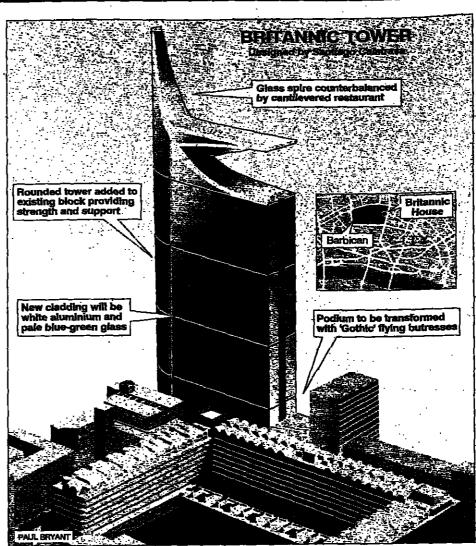
pale blue-green glass."
A rounded tower would be added at one end of the existing slab block, tapering to a spire, helping to provide the strength to support the huge restaurant deck.

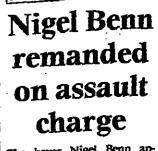
The proposals have been drawn up for the Wates City development. Peter Rees, the City of London planning officer, said: "New buildings by the world's leading architects demonstrate the City's position as the world's pre-eminent financial centre. The remodelled tower does not affect any protected views of the City or St Paul's, but tall buildings are a sensitive issue and we will consult widely. "In my view, there are really only two possible views on

high buildings in London. Either there should be none at all, or they should be concentrated in one place, the capi-tal's central business district. The City planning office has such an influx of applications that we call it the Forklift

Truck Era: eight thousand drawings have just come in for Sir Norman Foster's proposed Millennium Tower. Sr Calatrava, who is trained as both an engineer and an architect, has been hailed as a

new Eiffel. When the Department of Transport rejected his design for an elegant bowtruss bridge, spanning the Thames in a single leap at the proposed East London crossing, there was widespread





The boxer Nigel Benn ap-peared before London magis-trates yesterday charged with causing grievous bodily harm. Mr Benn, 32, the former world super middleweight champion, had spent the night in cells at Bow Street police station after surrendering to police.

The charge relates to an incident at Legends Nightclub in Mayfair, London, on September 29. Mr Benn was remanded on conditional bail until December 27. He was told he must put up a surety of

Ferry to rescue

Two fishermen who spent the night adrift in a dinghy after their boat sank were rescued by the crew of a cross-channel ferry. The men, who were treated for exposure, were spotted from the Portsmouth-bound Pride of Le Havre, 20 miles off the French coast.

Murder charge

Andrew McKinlay, 23, unemployed, from Plymouth, was remanded in custody charged with the murder of Nicola Parsons, 18, a care assistant. Her body was found in a disused kindergarten building in Plymouth in July. She had been raped and strangled.

Stone vandalised A memorial to three UDR soldiers murdered by the IRA near Castlewellan, Co Down. in 1980, put up earlier this month, has been wrecked by vandals. Irene Cochrane, mother of one of the men, Jim Cochrane, had fought for 13 years for the stone.

Hammer attack

A nursery nurse was hit over the head with a hammer after. disturbing a burglar. She had just arrived at Benson Infants and Junior School in Winson Green, Birmingham, when a youth set upon her and snatched her handbag. She was not seriously hurt.

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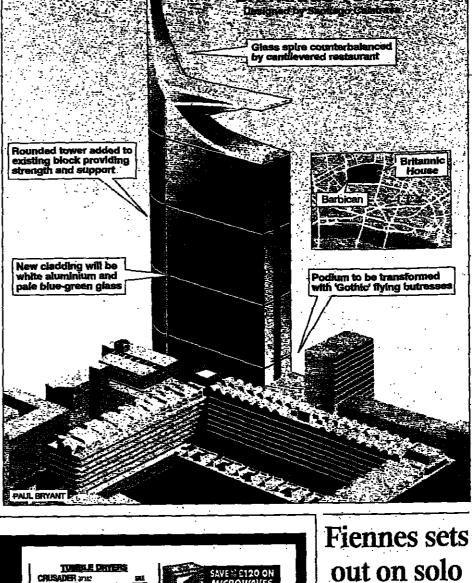
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His three competitors, Marek Kaminsky from Po-

land, Borge Ousland from

Norway and Ho Young Hoe

from South Korea, set off

separately later. The four had

been waiting for three weeks

at Punta Arenas in Chile for weather conditions to allow a

From now on each will be

unaware of the locations of

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then head south, crossing the pole and eventually reaching the finishing line at Scott

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Fiennes, 53, who narrowly

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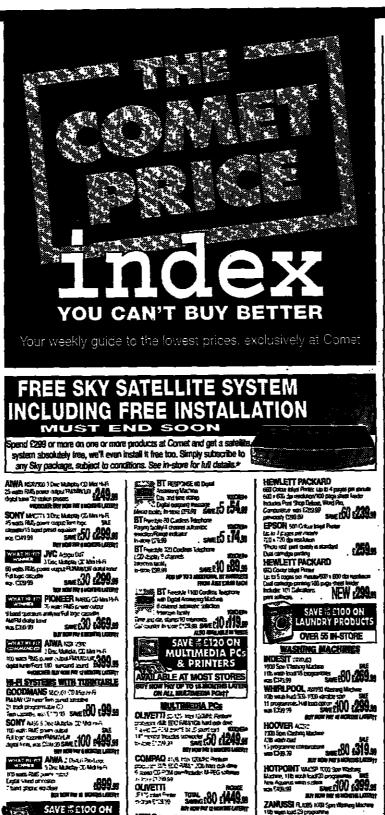
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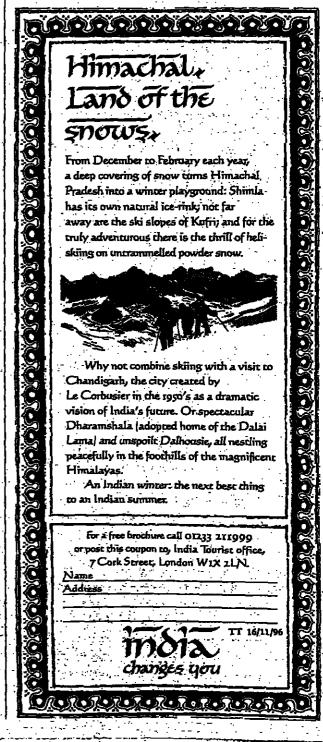
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Why was schizophrenic freed to kill my father?'

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THE family of a man stabbed to death in the street by a schizophrenic with a history of violence is demanding an inquiry into his release from mental hospital five months earlier. Matthew Hooper stabbed Jack Trinder, a second course of the late coming ond cousin of the late comic. Tommy Trinder, 21 times in

The dead man's daughter: Vikki Bannon, speaking after Hooper was sent to Broad-moor indefinitely, said: "How many more times does this have to happen before something is done to take the dangerously mentally ill off the street? Does it need an MPs relative to be killed before anything changes?

Mr Trinder, 55, a part-time scaffolder, was attacked as he left his local public house in moved by social services into a Peckham, southeast London, early last Christmas Day

Hooper had been admitted to the nearby Maudsley Hos-pital some eight months earlier and discharged in July. He had convictions dating back to 1981, some of them for vio-



Vicki Bannon is demanding an inquiry into events that led to the death of her father, Jack Trinder

his brother and attacked his

flat in East Dulwich.
Orlando Pownall, for the rosecution, told the Old Bailey that less than a month before Mr Trinder's death, Hooper had been arrested for possessing a lock knife in his car. After the unprovoked stabbing of Mr Trinder, he had shown a "degree of cun-

tracks: he had set fire to his old Ford Fiesta, which had been seen by witnesses, grown a beard and moved in to a friend's flat

Judge Hawkins, QC, told Hooper: "There was no possible reason for your attack on the unfortunate Mr Trinder."
For the protection of the public he ordered that Hooper be detained in Broadmoor with-

schizophrenic, had denied murder but admitted manslaughter on the ground of diminished responsibility.

After the case, Mrs Bannon. who was accompanied by her mother Barbara and brother Lee, said the family would be pressing for an inquiry. They let him out of hospital. Any sane person would look at what he had done in the past and say that was not a safe thing to do. Any sane person must ask why this keeps happening. It has happened before and it will go on happening until mental health care is properly funded."

In a statement yesterday. the Maudsley Hospital, part of the Bethlem and Maudsley NHS Trust, said an internal inquiry had been held into the handling of Hooper's case. It concluded that his care had been "fully in line with trust and government policy on

community care".

The hospital, which extended its deepest sympathy to Mr Trinder's family, had been in regular contact with Hooper after he was discharged. An inquiry was now planned by the Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham Health Authority.



Matthew Hooper is driven from the Old Bailey yesterday to a life in Broadmoor

Director took cash to pay for gambling

led a lavish lifestyle with thousands of pounds milked from her employers was jailed

for two years yesterday.
Linda Lines, 43, took
£137,000 over a 30-month period and spent it on holidays abroad and gambling in Las Vegas casinos, Jeremy Donne, for the prosecution, told the Old Bailey.

Lines, a company secretary who earned £26,000 a year, was tempted after being given sole responsibility for looking after the books at the Hanover Trustee Investment Company. The company dealt with investments and pensions and worked closely with the stock-brokers Charles Stanley, the court was told.

Lines took money from the company by writing cheques to herself and her credit card companies. To cover the mounting losses, she sent bogus accounts to Charles Stanley asking for payments. Lines, a mother of two from Crouch End, north London, admitted false accounting and deception between 1993 and

Pilot error caused fatal Nimrod crash

By A STAFF REPORTER

terday for the crash last year of an RAF Nimrod maritime patrol aircraft during a flying display in Canada. All seven crew members died instantly.

The inquiry into the crash, in September 1995, concluded that Flight Lieutenant Dom

Gilbert, 31, altered a display manoeuvre, causing the jet engines to stall. The aircraft was too low to be able to restart its engines and ca-

A review of Nimrod display flying has now been carried out. Future displays will be carried out by a single crew made up of instructors with improved training.
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the RAF since 1969 and due to undergo modernisation, was 120 Squadron at the Nimrod seen to dip suddenly towards base at RAF Kinloss in Gramthe lake while making a pign were found in the lake climbing turn at the Canadian by many divers,

The inquiry into the Canadian crash disclosed that Fit Lt Gilbert, one of three Nimrod which he had successfully flown 13 displays as well as several practice flights.

PILOT error was blamed yes- National Exhibition. Four months earlier, a Nimrod RI Firth and the crew was able to escape in a liferaft.

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The annotated books and a collection of letters, to be sold by Sotheby's on December 16, reveal how two of this century's greatest English men of letters - both Catholic converts looked to each other for guidance in their work and comfort in their private lives.

The rare books, which were either owned by or associated with Greene. along with extensive correspondence from him, have been collected by a-New York real-estate broker. Clint Smullyan, over 25 years. The collection, which features first editions from the Twenties and Thirties, most inscribed by the author, is to fetch about

A SERIES of jotted notes in the £270,000. One note by Greene, at the - back of a proof copy of Christopher Sykes's biography of Waugh, describes the latter's loneliness. It reads: "E's hatred of the telephone. One could never ring him up. It was an intrusion on his privacy. A curious contradiction: when I lived in Albany he would turn up without warning ... It was a period in my life when more than usually I disliked the unexpected visitor. And

yet I never had the heart in his case

to complain. He must be very lonely,

I would think, if he came to me."

Greene recalls finding solace during a five-day stay at Waugh's house in Somerset with just his friend and a bottle of whisky for company. "My love affair was not making me happy. His silent sympathy."

The two had met at Oxford in the 1920s but became close only during

Greene's Catholic novels. He sent his books to Waugh before publication and a copy of The End of the Affair, which was based on Greene's relationship with Catherine Walston, is heavily annotated. In particular, Waugh toned down what he regarded as over-ripe language.

The two writers did not have a lighthearted relationship, "Only on one occasion around 1945 did I have a drunken carousing with E. We both had good heads," Greene records in the Sykes biography. Greene's forthright opinions appear in another, scornful, annotation where Sykes describes Waugh's death "in the back parts" of the house: "E died in the lavatory what's wrong with that? So did my father," writes Greene.

The agonies Greene endured during the writing process are clearly outlined in his correspondence with

one letter Greene records how he was daunted by the risks he was taking with his latest book. He felt "horribly sterile - my only idea is one of frightening difficulty and hazard. When one has a family to support one hates to try something new." The book he was referring to was Brighton Rock. Later he talks of "a rather hack job, an Entertain-

am getting too old to boil the pot." Also included in the sale is correspondence with the American journalist Gloria Emerson, who interviewed him for Rolling Stone. He writes to her of a gift she sent. "I still haven't opened the 94 per cent gin. Sheer cowardice. I shall have to drink it one day if only to use the bottle as a flower vase." A year later the gin is satisfactorily finished and after two years more: "I'd love some

more of that green gin. It was a killer

ment called Our Man in Havana. I

the post-war controversies over the Indian writer R.K. Narayan. In one letter Greene records how he not, he voiced some outlandish opinions. "There are two politicians whom I detest in the world today one is Reagan and the other is Pope John Paul. People tried to kill both of them and alas failed."

A glimpse of the strains of carrying on affairs simultaneously with the rich and glamorous Catherine Walston and his first mistress, the penniless book illustrator Dorothy Glover, is seen in his inscription in a copy of Nineteen Stories: For Dorothy Glover with so much love over so many years, 1939-1947, from Graham Greene the bastard."

Unlike Greene's personal papers, which were bought by Boston College, the current owner wants this collection broken up. "Little is on the market, so I hope that these can churn round again — while I sit at the back and weep," said Mr



Why Amy Johnson took flight to escape fame

By JOHN VINCENT

AMY JOHNSON, Britain's most famous woman pilot, was so disturbed by the publicity that greeted her exploits that she considered her career in this country to be ruined and pleaded to be "left in peace to fly".

Her feelings are disclosed in a previously unseen letter that forms part of an extraordinary archive of material relating to Sir Geoffrey de Havilland, one of the world's true pioneers of powered flight. It includes his aviator's licence, trophies, scrapbooks and correspondence.

In a two-page letter dated September 19, 1930, four months after she became a heroine for her record-breaking solo flight to

Australia, Miss Johnson tells Sir Geoffrey: "Publicity would in time drive me insane and I'm therefore taking the cowardly action of running away from it. I'm looking forward to having my new Puss Moth and then I hope to be off on my travels again.

"There are not many people in the aviation world who understand my position and I feel that the unwanted and overdone publicity I have received has just about ruined any aviation career I might have had in this country. My one desire is to be left alone in peace to fly." Johnson died in an aircraft crash in 1941. Sotheby's is offering the de

Havilland archive at separate auctions at its Billingshurst,



Johnson about a set off for Australia on May 5, 1930

West Sussex, saleroom on November 23 and 28. Stephen Maycock, aviation specialist, said yesterday: "It's quite a startling letter. She had just completed an incredible feat of pioneering flying and one would have imagined she would have been prepared for the furore that followed. This letter shows she did not expect it and found the whole experience quite shattering."

The de Havilland archive, being sold by a private collec-tor, is expected to fetch up to £40,000. A 1911 aviator's licence is estimated at up to £2,000; an England to Australia air race trophy from 1934 at £6,000; and the King's Cup for the 1933 round England race at £10,000. De Havilland's medals and awards, together with scrapbooks, are expected

to fetch up to £12,000. Sir Geoffrey's Haviliand Aircraft Company produced, among other leg-endary aircraft, the Tiger Moth, the Mosquito and the Comet, the first jet-powered airliner. A quiet, thoughtful man who shunned the lime-light, he was made a CBE in 1934 and knighted in January 1944. Three years before his death in 1965 his lifelong contribution to aviation was acknowledged with the Order



The ring was clearly visible on the right hand in this loll portrait of Thomas Anguishe

Expert unearths secrets of ring lost for 300 years

WHEN a landowner stumbled on a gold signet ring lying in a Norfolk field he was intrigued by the curious coat of arms. But when he exam-ined the ring closely the mystery deepened: he discovered that the bezel bearing the coat of arms swivelled to reveal a skull on the reverse side.

The ring's new owner who wishes to remain anonymous - took his find to Christie's, where Charles Bingham-Newland set about tracing its history. He found that the arms - a serpent's crest and foliage in an elaborate border - belonged to 17th-century Mayor of

Norwich. Further detective work led Mr Bingham-Newland to Blackfriars Hall, Norwich, where he found a portrait of Thomas Anguishe - and there on the index finger of the right hand was the ring, which had lain lost for three centuries in a field near Foulsham, where Anguishe lived. With the help of the Norwich Castle Museum, Anguishe's story emerged. He was a cloth dealer in Norwich, becoming an alderman in 1595, sheriff in 1596 and Lord Mayor in Ioll. In 1567, aged 29, he had

married Elizabeth Thurstone. Although she bore him nine sons and three daughters, few survived childhood and it is thought that their fates explained the significance of the skull on the ring.

Anguishe's line appears to

have got no further than the 19th century: the last descen-



The ring, found in a field

dant is believed to have been Catherine Anguishe, who once owned the portrait of her ancestor and died in 1837. A memorial to Thomas Anguishe is in St George's Church, Norwich and his memory remains alive in the Anguishe's Educational Foundation. The ring goes on sale at Christie's in London on December 12, and is expected to fetch up to £8,000.

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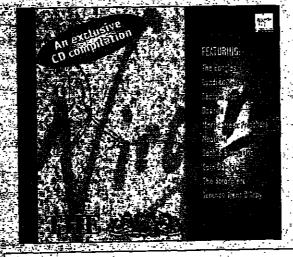
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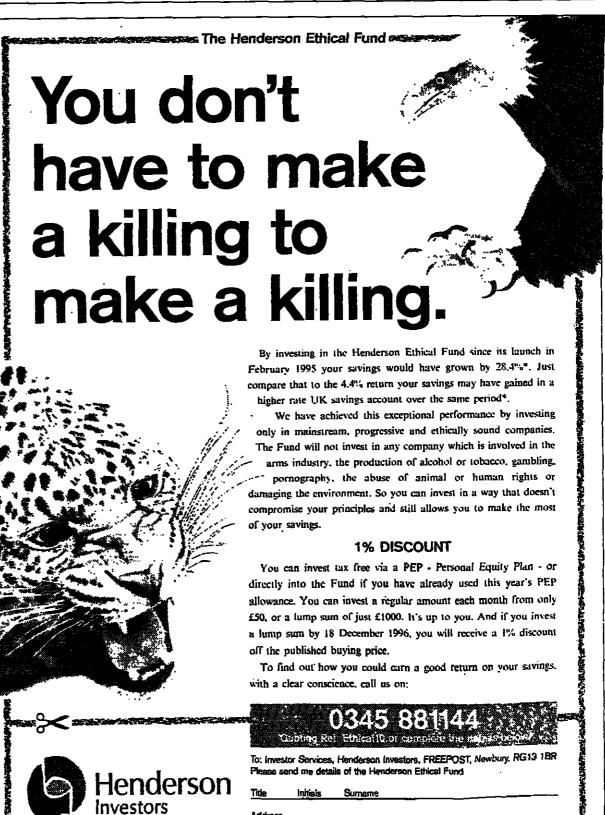
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Society must uphold human dignity and generosity of spirit asks that we go beyond expedien-cy and self-interest. Generosity of spirit is essential in fashioning a

MY TEENAGE years were often marked by rows with my father, when I argued vehemently that he should give shelter to homeless men in our underused front room. He protested that his first duty was to his family's safety.

The two key principles of Catholic social teaching address this dilemma. We are held by the duty of solidarity. The poor are not neone else's problem: they are our brothers and sisters. Yet we must also recognise that, according to the principle of subsidiarity. some tasks can best, or even only, be carried out at a particular level

in society. A family usually cannot care for the homeless in the way I suggested. But it can support the initiatives of, say, local authority. or voluntary bodies. The duty to ensure that help is given to those in need rests with individuals,

local communities and the State. The Common Good, the document published recently by the Roman Catholic bishops, puts forward a way of thinking about our common aims in society founded on the dignity of the human person. It supports the creation of opportunities for individuals to grow in self-reliance of trade unions, to encourage partnership and to protect indi-vidual rights; it protests strongly against the destruction of human life in the womb, which contributes so much to the blunting of our social conscience. And the document contains a warning to election candidates: contempt for those who uphold the sacredness of human life will be deeply

unacceptable to Catholics. A single appeal lies at the heart of the document Public life needs rescuing from utilitarian expediency and the pursuit of self-

realists. I have read in various

publications the difficulties of

statement of fact, and a very

laudable fact from our point of

view, that we do very much see priestly celibacy as being a normative part of the ordained

ministry. It is the endeavour of

every priest to remain as close

as he can in an authentic way

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to the life of Christ."

"Our statement is a simple

priests as well as bishops.

Credo

The Right Rev Vincent Nichols

interest." This may seem idealistic

and unattainable. But the alterna-tive is a society at risk of becoming ever more dehumanised, which gives priority to "technology over ethics, things over persons, and matter over spirit".

The bishops' appeal is proenduring purpose of our existence and the values which will bring us lasting satisfaction? Or must we simply pursue our pleasure, ele-vated at times, puzzlingly, by the experience of generous love or

This appeal cannot be issued in abstract terms. It has to be related to the realities of our common life. May I give two examples? There is, rightly, a call for less violence to

foundly spiritual, for there is an unease in Britain today, stemming from a spiritual vacuum, or at least a disorientation. How do we answer questions about the selves, market forces will produce the selves market forces will be shown in the media. Yet the availability of such material is related to the deregulation of the media. Yet the availability of such material is related to the deregulation of the media. Yet the availability of such material is related to the deregulation of the media. both good and evil effects. The result is a steady supply of cheap "video nasties". To improve standards will inevitably require some restriction on the free market. How this is best achieved is for politicians to work out. That is what makes politics both a difficult task and, when motivated by a search for the common good, a noble calling.

dignity and the common good is rooted in faith in God. Working out the implications for our common life is an imperative of faith. There is no alternative. ☐ The Right Rev Vincent Nichols is Roman Catholic Bishop in At each point, then, this appeal

spirit is essential in lasmoning a society which is pleasant to live in. Such generosity is already present in our society but insufficiently

encouraged and rewarded. For many, this appeal to human

Bishops admit that some priests do not keep vow of celibacy

By Ruth Gledhill, religion correspondent

yesterday made an unprecedented admission to the Pope that not all their priests were succeeding in keeping their vows of celibacy. In a statement to Pope John Paul II, the bishops of England and Wales say: We are conscious of shortcomings in the living out of the obligations of priestly celibacy of our dioceses."

The admission is surprising given that, although the Church has suffered two recent blows regarding celibacy with the much-publicised cases of Dr Eamonn Casey and the former bishop Roderick Wright, neither was in England or Wales. (nsiders insist that when the priests held their recent national conference, the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Luigi Barbarito, the Pope's ambassador to the Court of St James, refused to discuss celibacy. At a private meeting at the conference in Birmingham he dismissed the issue because he considered it was not a problem, according

However, the church was shocked this week by the case of Fr Adrian McLeish, the Durham priest jailed for six years for indecently assaulting



Barbarito: refused to discuss celibacy

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the sons of parishioners. Police discovered a large collection of Internet paedophile pornography when they raid-

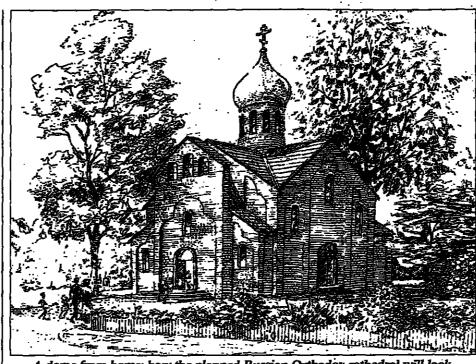
ed his presbytery. Cardinal Basil Hume, Archbishop of Westminster, is looking into allegations by a woman married to a former priest that a number of clergy in a religious order are involved in relationships with

However, in their message to the Pope, sent to mark the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, the bishops do not refer specifically to the scandals. Instead, they send him their greetings and say: "We appreciate your constant encouragement and your steadfast upholding of the value of celibate chastity as normative for the ordained priesthood. This is indeed a calling which is not easily understood by our conteniposorely needed in our society." Although the Pope has re-

cently granted dispensation for married former Anglicans to be ordained Catholic priests, the bishops say: "We also appreciate your insistence that when considering the institution of the ordained ministry the primary responsibility of the church is that of absolute fidelity to the mind and practice of Christ."

The bishops refer also to abortion: "The prevalence of abortion in our countries is a shameful scandal. We assure vork to create those conditions in which the repeal of abortion legislation will be increasingly recognised as a moral obligation.

Mgr Arthur Roche, general secretary of the bishops' conference, said the admission that clergy were breaking their celibacy vows would not be a surprise to the Pope. He said: "The Pope and the bish-



A dome from home: how the planned Russian Orthodox cathedral will look

Prince supports landmark of faith

THE Prince of Wales has given financial and spiritual support to plans to erect Britain's first purpose-built cathedral for the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad (Ruth

Gledhill writes).
The cathedral, for a church until recently known as the Russian Orthodox Church in. Exile, will be in the Russian Pskov style, with its dramatic cupola visible from the M4 Chiswick flyover.

The Prince, who has said that he would wish to be known as "defender of faith" rather than the faith, was also a keen supporter of the Hindu community's new, multi-pin-nacled temple in Neasden, where he made a highly publicised visit. Work on the latest religious landmark is spring. More than £400,000 has been raised and an application has been made to the Millennium Fund.

In a letter to Count Tolstoy. chairman of the fundraising appeal, the Prince wrote: was fascinated to hear of your plans for what is clearly a very exciting project. I do wish you and all the congregation well in your efforts and I am sending you a small donation as a token of my best

Since the revolution, the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad has been separate from the Russian Orthodox Church, which has a cathedral, a former Anglican church, in Ennismore Gardens, southwest London.

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Peking plays at democracy Over choice of colony council

Kong's return to China the atmosphere of the Great Hall of the People was evoked in the colony yesterday.

The cream of the business

community was gathered at the first meeting of the selection committee which will elect both Peking's chief executive to succeed Chris Patten, the Governor, and the 60 Legislative Council, which will replace the Legislative Council elected last year.

Most of those picked to attend yesterday will play roles in the post-1997 administration and fall quickly into members of a Provisional

tration and fell quickly into Peking's way of doing things, sitting silently as the speciacle unfolded beneath a large, red spotlight seal of the People's Republic of China. Obediently, they supported Peking's choice for the post of chief

Next month the group will choose a second legislative council and from January 1, Hong Kong will have parallel governments, with members sitting on both councils and debating conflicting legislation.

Yesterday's meeting was held in a vast convention centre where usually international toymakers, jewellers and fast-food manufacturers exhibit their wares. Row after row of nightly-packed tables set with white cloths, drinks and writing materials stretched from from one side



Jonathan Mirsky watches the hushed selection of the new pro-China ruling class

of the hall to the other and almost its entire length. At the front was a raised dais. Behind it was the red seal with its large gold star and five smaller ones, each representing the main social classes, such as "the national bourgeoisie".

Hundreds of police pa-trolled outside the building and dozens of plainclothes security men stood inside. Mr Patten is rarely accompanied by more than a handful of bodyguards.

The 400 delegates, all from Hong Kong and picked by

Peking, included the tycoons who control most of the colony's wealth, a few Buddhist monks, Sir David Akers-Jones, who has acted as Governor and is now firmly in Peking's camp, and two members of Mr Patten's Executive Council the inner cabinet, who are prepared to vote for the Provisional Legislative Council which Mr Patten and Malcom Rifkind, the Foreign

Secretary, insist will have no legal standing. There was also a sprinkling of members of the present Legislative Council.

Court turns down

Wang's appeal

Peking: Wang Dan, the Tiananmen Square pro-democra-cy leader jailed for 11 years for plotting to overthrow the Chinese Government, was given no chance to speak yesterday when a court here considered his appeal. In less than ten minutes, it was rejected. His mother, Wang Lingyun, said that only the judge spoke, to uphold the October 30 decision. (AP)

um filed onto the dais, led by Qian Qichen, the Chinese Foreign Minister, and Lu Ping, the head of the State Council's Hong Kong and Macau affairs office. Mr Qian was paying his first official visit but snubbed Mr Panen, as do all visiting dignitaries from Peking.

There followed opening remarks in the orotund style favoured in Peking, and then Mr Qian and Mr Lu spoke. Not long ago, Mr Qian, a supposed moderate in the Chinese leadership, issued a warning that after 1997 there could be no more meetings in Hong Kong to commemorate the Tiananmen Square crack-down, nor could the press criticise China's leaders personally. Mr Lu has often said much the same thing.

Mr Qian had been greeted by protesters on his arrival in the colony. Police scuffled with about 100 demonstrators led by members of the Legislative Council when they blocked access to the convention centre, where Britain will formally return Hong Kong to China in 228 days' time.

About 30 police surrounded a handful of student activists and herded them towards barricades where other prowere sequestered. Many had spent the night on a protest fast outside the

Inside the hall, Mr Qian told the 400 delegates that this was the beginning of real democracy in Hong Kong. and denied that the choice of chief executive had been preordained in Peking . Mr Lu explained how the chief executive and the Provisional Legislative Council would be selected.

Both speeches were punctuated by the subtly orchestrated bursts of applause that regularly echo through Peking's Great Hall. In the afternoon, the delegates indicated by their preliminary votes that Tung Chi-hwa, the shipping magnate whom President Jiang Zemin had gone out of his way to greet in January, will be Hong Kong's next chief executive.

The former Chief Justice.
T. L. Yang — favoured by most Hong Kong residents and Peter Woo, a rich entrepreneur, both scraped through to the next round. Simon Li. a retired High Court judge, was dropped. As signalled by President Jiang. Mr Tung will be elected in a second vote on December 11.

The occasion demonstrated how easily Hong Kong's fam-ously individualistic notables - who in crowds are charry, genial, and in constant motion - can be made to sit in silence. applaud on cue, and insist after the vote that each had obeyed his conscience. The same claims are common in the National People's Congress after it rubber-stamps



Hong Kong police lead away a demonstrator against the meeting held by Qian Qichen

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'Racist' executives cost Texaco dear

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TEXACO, the oil company, is struggling to clear its corporate name after allegedly racist remarks were made by two

of its executives. Court documents accuse two managers of laughing over the word "nigger" and of lampooning the African-American end-of-year festival

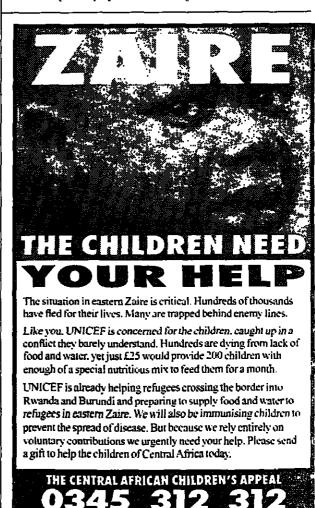
known as Kwanzaa. The episode has sent Texaco into a major damage-limitation exercise and has generated controversy across the United States, with calls by black politicians to boycott Texaco's petrol stations. The National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People has urged investors to drop Texaco stock.

The basis of the controversy is a tape recording of remarks made in 1994 by the two white executives. Richard Lundwall. a finance manager who has since left Texaco, and Robert Ulrich, former company treasurer. In the indistinct recording they appear to be discussing the number of public holidays employees are entitled to take. Mr Lundwail appears to say: "Now we have two friggin' national an-thems." Mr Ulrich replies: "I'm still having trouble with Hanukkah |the Jewish festival]. Now we have Kwanzaa ... [expletive] ... niggers, they [expletive] all over us with

ent version. The company claims that Mr Ulrich said: "I'm still struggling with Hanukkah, and now we have Kwanzaa. I mean I lost Christmas, poor St Nicholas, they fexplerivel all over his beard." Meanwhile, it was reported yesterday that court docu-ments allege that a Texaco company lawyer tried to order destruction of evidence related to the incident.

Texaco has offered a differ-

The matter has cost Texaco dear. Its public image has taken a terrible battering, with black leaders chopping up Texaco credit cards on television and phone in pro-grammes reflecting widespread agitation about the alleged racism.



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Rwanda calls on UN to disband relief force

AS REFUGEES in their hundreds of thousands poured into Rwanda last night, the Rwandan Government said there was no longer any need for the multinational force being prepared by Britain and other countries under a United Nations mandate.

Gideon Kayinamura, the Rwandan Ambassador to the UN. said the exodus of refugees from the Mugunga camp made the proposed multina-tional force unnecessary. He suggested that Rwanda might operate with the force, which plans to establish supply lines across the country and establish an office in the capital,

The mandate of that force is no longer relevant because of the unfolding positive developments," Mr Kayinamura said. "The much talked-about humanitarian tragedy of the Rwandan refugees is now coming to an end. The international community is now mobilising resources, large amounts of money. We want

that money spent in Rwanda in terms of providing hospitals and medicine, resettling refugees, rather than putting it into military columns."

Zaire said yesterday that it would wage war on Burundi and Rwanda to defend its territory, which it said had been violated in the east by its two neighbouring states. "We

6 The much talked-about human tragedy of the Rwandan refugees is now coming to an end 9

are determined to wage a total war ... We have the means," Lokondo Yoka. Zaire's Deputy Foreign Minister, said on a visit to Belgium.

He said the towns of Uvira. Goma and Bukavu had been occupied by Burundian and Rwandan forces for almost two weeks. "The Banyamulenge, a so-called ethnic group, are just refugees from Rwanda," he said, referring to the rebel group which played a key role in capturing the towns. The multinational force sent to create safe corridors for humanitarian aid to refugees would be tolerated on Zairean soil only so long as it did not offer protection to

Rwandans or Bururdians. The sudden return of hun-dreds of thousands of Rwandans caught the international ern diplomats said the Hutu

extremists who controlled the

camp at Mugunga, outside Goma, had apparently fled overnight after an offensive by

The UN Security Council

seemed ready to authorise the

multinational force despite Rwanda's objections. Canada

tabled a resolution empower-

ing the use of "all necessary

Zairean Tutsi rebels.

tended to interfere with the balance of military forces in the area, nor to support the reestablishment of camps in which armed elements are able to operate". Security Council diplomats noted that even if the bulk of the refugees in the Goma area

repatriation. The proposal also called for the creation of a

in four months' time. Canada said the multina-

tional operation was "not in-

in Rwanda, other refugees remained in eastern Zaire. One Western official said the changes on the ground could be taken into account at planning meetings in Stutt-gart next week. Britain is asking that its 3,500-man contingent control Bukavu airport, in the South Kivu area, where there has been no mass return of refugees.

were returning to their homes

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A Hutu cries over the body of his wife as refugees stream out of the Mugunga camp, heading for Rwanda

'Dear God, we are about to die. Have pity on our souls'

By Tunku Varadarajan

HARROWING details have emerged from Zaire of the cold-blooded murder of four Spanish priests by a band of

The priests who belonged to the small Marist order, were hacked shot and beaten to death at the Nyamirangwe settlement in Bugobe, six miles from Bukavu, I6 days ago. News of their deaths did not reach the outside world

The tragedy unfolded on October 31, shortly after the priests' Zairean staff-escaped to safety in the settlement's only vehicle. The four mis-sionaries, each of whom had spent over a decade in the country, chose not to leave Bugobe. It was an act of bravery, faith and folly. Shortly after the staff's de-

parture, one of the priests, 44-year-old Servando Mayor, order's headquarters in Rome. He said: Everyone has gone, including all the refugees. We are alone and expect an attack at any moment. If we haven't rung again by the evening, assume

The worst did happen. According to witnesses among the fearful Zairean peasants who happened to be in the vicinity, a group of Huta

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Internhamove, burst upon the Marist settlement in the late

Deaf to the pleas of the Spanish priests, the Hutu gunmen proceeded to destroy the radio set and much of the The priests were kicked

repeatedly, and hit with rifle butts. About an hour later they were attacked again with deadly intent. Peasants report that the four Marists were chopped about with machetes as they attempted to kneel and

pray.
The cries of one priest resounded some distance away. Dear God, dear God. We are about to die. Have pity on our souls." Shortly after. there was a burst of gunfire and then a chilling silence.

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Military planners face nightmare mix of decisions

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE sudden and unexpected exit of Rwandan Hutu refugees from the camps in eastern Zaire back towards Rwanda presents those plan-ning the multinational intervention force with a nightmare range of decisions.

On the face of it, the return of Rwandans to their homeland makes the challenge less awesome and the task less demanding for an outside humanitarian force. In London, Ministry of Defence and Foreign Office officials issued a warning against the temptation to leap to the conclusion that a force is no longer needed and that the refugee crisis is being resolved

The message from the Foreign Office, which kept in

troop-contributing countries

yesierday, was that planning was going ahead and a multinational force, with British participation, was still preparing to leave for Zaire.

The situation could suddenly go the other way. It would only take a bunch of armed militia to open fire on departing refugees and the withdrawal to Rwanda could be reversed," a Ministry of Defence official said.

At Britain's Permanent Joint Headquarters, the new facility set up in the bowels of the Fleet headquarters at Northwood in northwest Office, which kept in London, the range of options with other potential appeared to be changing by

Advance party flies in to assess risks

By MICHAEL EVANS

A FORMER commander of the Royal Marines Special Boat Service began one of his most challenging tasks yester-day as he arrived in Nairobi at the head of a British reconnaissance party, before mov-ing on to Zaire to assess the problems that lie ahead for the proposed multinational force.

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Brigadier Jonathan Thomson, now commander of Britain's new Joint Rapid Deployment Force, has only a few days in which to make judgments that will affect the size and composition of the British contingent. Accompanied by 42 specialists and staff. officers, Brigadier Thomson will have to assess the threats that the British soldiers might face on the ground as well as the magnitude of the humanitarian task.

Even as he arrived at Nairobi the refugee crisis was

will recommend a range of options when he returns to

Army sources said the key issues to be investigated by the reconnaissance party would include the likely threats for British troops, suitable loca-tions for tented camps, food-stores, amminition champs and water supplies: the quality of the local infrastructure, including roads, bridges and communications and the transport that will be needed for the four-month tour.

Brigadier Thomson, who from 1980-83 commanded the Special Boat Service, the Royal Marines' equivalent of the SAS, joined the Royal Marines in 1963.

One of his jobs in Zaire will be to liaise with reconnaissance parties from other countries planning to send troops to ensure that they dovetail

the minute as the situation on the ground in Zaire presented new and different challenges. While the main concern the large number of armed militia preventing the Rwanda Hutus from leaving the refugee camps in eastern Zaire appeared to have been resolved temporarily, there was still perceived to be the need

for a large-scale humanitarian aid mission. The Ministry of Defence was working on the assumption that the main objective of the intervention force was to secure conditions that would allow the resumption of aid deliveries and the repatriation of refugees. "Active consideration" was also being given to the possibility of British troops being asked to disarm militia who interfered with aid

While the ministry waited for the report from the 43-man reconnaissance party which arrived in the region last night, the two units on 72 hours' notice to leave, the 1st Battalion Parachute Regiment and 45 Commando Royal Marines, spent the day checking their equipment and receiving injections to counter the potential health hazards in Zaire.

The British force is expected to be run by the headquarters of 5 Amborne Brigade, com-manded by Brigadier Graeme Lands a former SAS officer.

While the troops are expect-ed to use Nairobi as the initial entry point in Africa, because it has the facilities and infrastructure for dealing with a large influx of soldiers and equipment, the two key airfields in Zaire will be Goma and Bukavu. In Zaire, geogra-phy, climate, lack of infra-structure and disease combine to make the military planners' job a nightmare. There are few roads and railways are virtually non-existent. The rainy season has started, and roads become impassable. Dysentery, cholera and cerebral malaria claim thousands of lives and jeopardise humani-tarian operations.



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The first of the British reconnaissance party goes into an VCl0 at RAF Brize Norton in Oxfordshire yesterday at the start of the Zaire mission

Paris threatens Tutsi rebels with 'vigorous response'

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

TUTSI rebels who have threatened to open fire on French soldiers deployed in eastern Zaire must be made to back off by the Rwandan Government, officials in Paris said yesterday. They insisted that French troops would re-spond "vigorously" if they came under attack.

The Tutsi Banyamulenge rebels now controlling Goma and Bukavu airports accuse France of supporting Hutu extremists and have said they will resist French soldiers taking part in the multination-Up to 2,000 French troops

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will initially establish a "security zone" around Bukavu airport to allow aid supplies to be flown in, officials said. "We are not going to take the airfield by force," a defence official said. "International pressure is being applied to Rwanda to tell the Banyamulenge, who do what Kigali tells them to do, to back off."

The rebels and Tutsi mili-tary leaders in Rwanda hold France responsible for the refugee crisis and claim that France's "Operation Turquoise" in 1994 was a ruse to enable many Hutus guilty of

French troops would seek to avoid any confrontation. Sources in Paris said French troops would be confined to securing the airport area and would probably not participate in missions behind Tutsi

Tutsi antipathy towards French troops is reciprocated and government sources said that one of the principal reasons for French insistence on multinational intervention was a fear of open hostilities between Tutsi rebels and an all-French force.

The first contingent of French troops is likely to be drawn from rapid deployment

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Congo battleground a focal point of Cold War

THE latest outbreak of hordéjà vu to those of us who covered the collapse of the

Congo 36 years ago. When I arrived in Léopoldville (later to become Kinshasa) as the News Chronicle correspondent, the Congo, in a state of chaos and anarchy. had become a focal point of the Cold War - a battle-

ground for the heart of Africa. Patrice Lumumba. the Congolese Prime Minister, a wild and erratic postal clerk, had become a hero of the Communist Bloc and the Third World. But he had just signed his own death warrant by appealing for Soviet arms and Czech technicians — and the ClA was out to get him.

In response to Lumumba's appeal the Soviet bloc had overplayed its hand, flying into Leopoldville 19 Ilyushin planes packed with Soviet and Czech arms, military. advisers and agents. But the

Richard Beeston sr, father of The Times's Moscow correspondent, reported from the Congo in 1960. He recalls the chaos of a country that was a Cold War battleground

day I arrived things began to badly for the Soviet Union and its champion Lumumba. On that day the United Nations, with the backing of Western intelligence agencies, had raised enough funds to pay the back wages of the tinous Congolese Army which had driven out its Belgian officers and had had

no pay since then. That night I toured the bars of the African quarter of Léopoldville to find them full of drunken Congolese soldiers praising General Joseph Mobutu, their commander, for their payout. The general, a former clerk in the Force Publique, went on to become

President Mobutu - one of the richest and most corrupt men in Africa.

Emboldened by his sudden popularity with his troops. General Mobutu announced his takeover of the Government and closed down the Soviet and Czech embassies. It was a coup for the American and British intelligence services working jointly to frustrate Soviet plans for Africa. One of the most active and effective figures on the Léopoldville scene at the time, who made her reputation in the Congo, was Daphne Park, the formidable M16 agent there. Working as a diplomat.

she was to be seen everywhere



The UN Secretary-General, Dag Hammarskjold, greets a young General Mobutu in 1961

a large bespectacled lady. usually with cigarette ash on her ample bosom

At the time of my arrival, three Congolese leaders — Lumumba, General Mobutu and Joseph Kasavubu - all claimed to be in charge of the Government and all held frequent press conferences to assert their claims. Covering these entailed crossing checkpoints of trigger-happy drunken soldiers. Hardly less fearsome were the white mercenaries nicknamed Les Affreux — the frightful ones. bearded, festooned with dag-

Chronicle. "Is that Mr Beeston?" said a voice. "I've been asked to tell you not to file tonight — the paper has just folded." Three months later I was back in the Congo for The Daily Telegraph this time in the breakaway province of Katanga - a comparative oasis of peace where the President, Moise Tshombe, served only the best champagne at his press



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Clinton pledges troops for new Bosnia force to prevent 'harvest of hatred'

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT CLINTON last night abandoned plans to withdraw American forces from Bosnia-Herzegovina next month and announced that the United States would send 8,500 soldiers for a new international peacekeeping mission in the Balkans.

Drawing criticism from Republi-

Mr Clinton of reneging on last the decision to send up to 5,000 year's promise to Congress of a Swift exit from the region, the President announced an agreement in principle for the Vision of the President announced an agreement refugee crisis. "Neither will be free in principle for the United States to of risk, but I will do everything in take part in a second Nato imple-

mentation force until June 1998. "Where our interests are clear and our values are at stake, where we can make a difference, we must Bosnia is such an example." Mr cans on Capitol Hill who accused Clinton said. He also announced months and cut by half by the end services if a "bitter harvest of

troops to Zaire and neighbouring my power to ensure that both missions are clear-limited and achievable before I give the green

Mr Clinton said the total number act and we must lead. Clearly of American personnel in Bosnia would be reviewed every six

soldiers. The President said the military aspects of the Dayton movement of refugees, had been a success. But he argued that civilian implementation of the peace settlement had failed to secure the fragile institutions of the fledgeling Bosnian state and America must offer its

of next year. The new force is thought to consist of 30,000 Nato publicans, insisting that President publicans, insisting that President Clinton deliberately had delayed formal announcement of his deciaccord, including the division of hostile forces and territory and the accused the White House of sending Americans into the line of fire without proper assessment of the

consequences. "Even as the President was speaking there were signs of a complete change in the Zaire announcement of the senior for-situation," said Dan Coats, of the eign-policy posts in his new Cabi-

Senate Armed Services Committee "Our troops should be committed as a last resort rather than a first

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Forced in his second term to become the foreign-policy President that he had spent his first four years attempting to avoid. Mr Clinton has tried to ensure that he has political cover for any eventuality. This has included a delay in the announcement of the senior for-

Yeltsin's

absence

renews

concern

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

THERE were growing doubts

yesterday about President Yeltsin's true state of health,

after his planned address to the nation was postponed and

all scheduled meetings were

Despite continued reassur-

ances from the Kremlin that

the Russian leader is making a

steady recovery, officials failed

to explain why, ten days after

his multiple heart bypass op-

eration, he has still not been

One theory put forward by

medical sources is that the

President attempted to get

back on his feet too quickly

after his open-heart surgery

on November 5, and that he

may have set back his

Nevertheless, the Kremlin

emained adamant that Mr

Yeltsin was "stable" and that his delayed broadcast was

simply a matter of timing.
"You understand, the image-

makers want the President's

appearance to have a big

impact," said Sergei Yastr-

zhembsky, the presidential

However, many pundits believe that the Russian leader

would be best advised to make

his comeback as quickly as

possible so that the negative

rumours about his health can

be countered and to reassert

his authority over the crisis-

The latest opinion polls

published this week revealed

that the public had little faith

in the Kremlin leader. When

asked which politician they

trusted most, 24 per cent said

General Aleksandr Lebed, the

ousted former security chief.

14 per cent backed Gennadi

Zyuganov, the Communist

Party leader, and only 10 per

cent named President Yeltsin.

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Hawaiian holiday, which started yesterday, to concentrate on a new choice for Secretary of State.

☐ Belgrade: Bosnian Serbs said they were summoning President Izetbegovic of Bosnia to appear in court on war crimes charges in a move that diplomats said was meant to disrupt the Davton accord. The charges include "ethnic cleansing" and killing Serb civilians and prisoners-of-war. (Reuter)



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Paris strike falters

Paris: A transport strike over job losses and pay attracted little support yes-terday and caused only minor disruption, although union leaders threatened more serious unrest in the coming weeks (Ben Macintyre writes). The Paris strike marked the first anniversary of the Government's attempt to overhaul the social security

Despite warnings of widespread chaos, most Métro and bus services were running normally.

Bhutto faces prison threat

Islamabad: The deposed Prime Minister. Benazir Bhutto, and other leading Pakistani politicians may face disqualification from holding public office for seven years, and a possible jail sentence on charges of corruption and misconduct under a new law (Zahid Hussain writes). The measure, approved by the caretaker Cabinet, will come into force next week:

Czechs in key Senate vote

Prague: Czechs voted for the second time this year in Senate elections, which are the key to the future of the minority centre-right Government. With surveys indicating many Czechs are sceptical about the need for the upper house, President Havel urged citizens to vote for the sake of stability. (Reuter)

Cousin stole wedding gifts

Harare: Takaruza Lazarus Marufu, 28, the "senior cousin" of President Mugabe's wife Grace, has been told by a judge that he is "a national embarrassment" for stealing Z\$12,500 (£800) of wedding presents from the couple's lavish iast August (Michael Hartnack writes).

French rap pair jailed for 'Kill the cops' lyrics

have been sentenced to three months in prison for song lyrics attacking the police, a verdict that has provoked accusations of censorship from the Left and applause from the far-right National Front.

Bruno Lopez, alias Kool Shen, 30, and Didjer Morville, alias Joey Star. 29, singers of the rap group NTM, were each sentenced to six months in prison, with three months suspended, and barried from performing for six months after a court in Toulon found them guilty of "insulting be-haviour towards people in authority during the exercise of their duties, by making injurious remarks before a public of several thousand

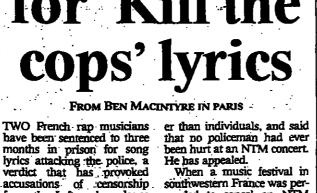
The rap band, composed gained a large youth following and huge notoriety with such lyrics as "Kill the cops" and "Let's go down to the presidential palace and kill all the old people".

In one profanity-laced song. police are described as "an organised, hierarchical gang, protected by the highest authorities".

The anti-immigrant Nat-ional Front, led by Jean-Marie Le Pen, has spearheaded a campaign to have the group banned. The Toulon court upheld a complaint lodged by 26 policemen after an NTM concert in the Var region in July 1995. The prosecutor had called for the two singers to be imprisoned for a year.

Jean-Marie Le Chevallier. the National Front Mayor of Toulon, described the sentences as "salutary". He added: The police must be respected, even loved, because they have an essential role in society protecting the safety of our citizens. These incitements to murder are absolutely scandalous."

A defence lawyer argued that the allegations had no merit, since the lyrics were directed at all policemen rath-



suaded to cancel an NTM

concert earlier this year, Jack Lang, the Socialist former Culture Minister, accused the local Gaullist authorities of "playing by the rules of the National Front". After Thursday's verdict, M

Lang quoted the revered French writer, Andre Malraux, whose ashes will be moved to the Pantheon in Paris next week: "We must always choose liberty." Yves Cochet, the Green Party spokesman, told Le Monde: Liberty of expression has been censored one more time." The court also imposed a

fine of 50,000 francs (£6,250) mainly of North Africans, has on each of the singers. The gained a large youth following conviction, the first of its kind in France, was hailed by the main police unions, two of which have taken out civil cases against the rappers.

Witnesses testified that during the concert at La-Seynesur-mer on July 14 1995, the two rappers hurled a stream of abuse at police officers: "Police are fascists. They are assassins. They go in threes, dressed in blue in their Renault 19s . . . these people are a danger to your liberties. Our enemies are the men in blue

The concert was neid protest against the election of M Le Chevallier, the first National Front mayor of a city with a population of more than 100,000.

Pierre Courtes, the prosecu-tor, said: "These hellraisers, did they reflect for a second on the risks they were exposing these people to? Was this not an incitement to criminality?" Lopez said that he did not plan to tone down his lyrics. "I

prefer to say things straight," he said. "Rap is the language of the streets. I don't know how anyone can accuse us of provocation. Some think we exaggerate; I rather think we plays things down."



Peter Graf, 58, the father of Steffi Graf, the tennis star, is helped from a prison vehicle yesterday before a Mannheim court freed him on bail after 15 months in custody. The court, which is trying him on tax evasion charges, set bail at £2 million (Reuter)

Nile cruise bodies retrieved

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER, MIDDLE EAST CORRESPONDENT

RESCUE work was contin-uing yesterday after a Nile cruise between the southern Egyptian cities of Aswan and Luxor ended in tragedy when the tour boat Princess Jihan ran aground in a freak storm. Fourteen East European tourists and three crew members

drowned. By mid-afternoon Egyptian divers had retrieved the bodies of five tourists from the boat, which was lying on its side, half-submerged on a sand-bank in the middle of the Nile. close to the village of Qaih al-Jabal about 360 miles south of

Ashraf Bennan, an Egyp-

tian tour guide who was on the boat, said that one of the dead whose body was recovered, Ian Biovsky, a Czech national had celebrated his 50th birthday with a party on the morning of the accident in which his wife, Juka, was also

drowned. Mr Bennan said that the cruise boat suddenly listed sometime between 3.30pm and 4pm on Thursday, a time when many of the tourists were resting in their cabins after lunch.

"I was in the restaurant on the lower deck talking to a friend when I felt the boat lean," he went on. "I ran up

quickly and the pressure of the water broke the windows behind me.

"We pulled as many people as we could out of the cabins, but the only tools we had were

In a race against time before nightfall, another cruiser came alongside to take on some of the passengers. Scores of local people also came out to help in small boats.

Villagers said that at the time of the accident, the winds had been unusually strong on the river. The current was also in full spate because of unusually heavy rains upstream in Ethiopia.

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Chalker says food summit a waste

Rome: Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, the Minister for Overseas Development, yesterday stunned the World Food Summit by telling it there were too many summits on helping the hungry and not enough action aimed at getting the food to those who need it (Richard Owen writes). She said United Nations bodies and aid agencies were failing in their jobs, with too much

waste and duplication.
"We need action plans to benefit our fellow human beings, not more summits," she said briskly. "We've had enough of them."

Lady Chalker's trenchant criticism came on the third day of a five-day summit which opened on Wednesday with an appeal by the Pope on behalf of the world's poor and a pledge to halve the number of hungry by 2015. But few heads of government have attended, and the summit has descended into a recitation of platitudes.

To the dismay of some aid activists, the summit newssheet on the world's starving millions has offered delegates daily advice on where to find the most elaborate pizzas and ice cream in Rome.

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Lawyer's mini-skirt judged to be decent

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN KOME

ITALIAN women, and many Italian men, yesterday welcomed a ruling by the Italian Supreme Court that for a woman to wear a mini-skirt at work was not "an

offence against public decency".

The case arose when Nicoletta Bertaccini, a lawyer in Bologna, arrived at the entrance to the city prison to interview a client wearing what a local

blouse that was transparent to the point of showing her bra".

A court in Parma ruled that the skirt "only partially covered the hips and buttocks, and from the front failed to cover a clearly visible pair of black knickers". It fined her £60 for "acts

contrary to public decency".

Signora Bertaccini appealed to the Supreme Court, which ruled in her

prosecutor described as "a breathtaking favour. Judge Vincenzo Accattatis said sexual customs and fashion had undersexual customs and fashion had under-gone an "enormous evolution", and what constituted public decency was a concept that altered "as the culture alters".

Handing down the judgment, he said: "How a person dresses may be judged unsuitable or in poor taste, but that is no reason to penalise their behaviour. A pluralistic and democratic society must show tolerance and accept differences in the way people dress."



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Leader of ex-Communists hopes shift to market values will be rewarded with premiership

Quick off his Marx

ROME FILE

by RICHARD

OWEN

young man with black curly hair and in bell-bottomed streets of Havana appeared in Il Mess-

aggero this week. A quarter of a century on, Massimo D'Alema wears dapper suits, and is said by the Italian press to have his sights on becoming the first ex-Communist to become Prime

As leader since 1994 of the former Communists, now the Party of the Democratic Left, Signor D'Alema this weekend will lead the cheers for President Castro as the Cuban leader comes to Rome for the world food summit. But he emphasises that, despite left-wing nostalgia, the party has shed its ideological past. "We were idealists," he says with a

smile. "We still are. But we have changed." After the Cold War and the collapse of the Christian Democrats in corruption scandals, the Italian Communists changed their name, dropped their Marxism, and embraced the market. After the election last April. they became the main component in the centre-left Government led by Romano Prodi.

Until now Signor D'Alema, 47, a long-time Communist Party apparatchik, has kept in the background. He knows Italians only overcame their distrust of the

an economics professor.

Capitalist temple to close

stock exchange in Italy is closing down. The Rome stock exchange, founded in 1802 on the site of the papal customs house near the present parliament, is a victim not only of new electronic transactions but also a recent law abolishing the ten "local" exchanges estab-lished before Italian unification in 1870 (in what were then indepen-

dent mini-states) and concentrating stock exchange activities in Milan. The Rome exchange has enjoyed perhaps the most unusual premises of any money market in Europe: a temple constructed in 145 AD, dedicated to the Emperor Hadrian, with a majestic row of marble Corinthian columns 15 metres (about 49ft) high. It is not clear who will occupy it next.

young man, saying he had

avoided involvement with girls in wartime Poland not

only because he was drawn to

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His remarks, in his memoir

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with the theatre.

because they were in a coalition, the Olive Tree, fronted by centrist academics and bankers. But seven months on, Signor D'Alema is emerg-ing from the shad-

ows. He is suddenly all over the television news, the hair still curly and the youthful twinkle undimmed, leading La Repubblica to refer to "the metamorphosis of Massimo". He comes across as calm, prudent, and always ready with a thoughtful soundbite. Earlier this month, he launched himself as an international figure, touring Middle Eastern capitals. "D'Alema was very well informed, with very good judgment," said an impressed Italian diplomat.

Signor D'Alema's emergence into the limelight follows increas-ing tensions within the Olive Tree coalition. The key problem is the growing public opposition to tax increases in the 1997 budget designed to reduce the deficit and help Italy to qualify for monetary union. A huge right-wing demon-stration in Rome a week ago showed that many Italians have no wish to pay the price for joining the

single currency.
In the ensuing crisis, Signor D'Alema has emerged as the central coalition figure, urging Silvio Berlusconi, leader of the right-wing opposition, to help to



Massimo D'Alema, the ex-Communist apparatchik who aims to be the Prime Minister

dismayed by Signor D'Alema's increasingly cosy relationship with Signor Berlusconi. A media tycoon under investigation for corruption. Signor Berlusconi embodies what Signor D'Alema himself once regarded as the unacceptable face of Italian capitalism. Signor D'Alema is seeking Left-Right consensus not

find a compromise. The hard Left is only on the single currency but also on a new body to reform the national constitution. This would allow the regions federal powers (to undermine the separatist Northern League) and give the figurehead Italian presidency an enhanced directly elected role. Some think that the Rome-born Signor D'Alema would like not only to

chair the new constitutional body but also to become the new-style President — if the middle classes can trust him. He could even become Prime Minister, should the stresses of "joining Europe" perrole as front man for the Left and return to teaching economics in

Chestnut rip-offs roasted

AMONG the sights of Rome in autumn are roast chestnut vendors. But they are under threat because, according to the town hall, which issues permits for street salesmen in central sites such as Piazza Navona, the itinerant vendors are not only overcharging tourists, at an exorbitant 80p a chestnut, but also expanding their businesses to include roast corn on the cob. coconuts and snacks.

The authorities are also cracking down on caricature artists on Piazza Navona, not all of whom are licensed. But the main complaint is that the degant baroque square with its fountains by Beraini "re-sembles a Middle Eastern bazaar", because of the large number of immigrant North Africans who spread their fake designer handbags and sunglasses out on tablecioths, bundling them up when the police appear. Francesco Rutelli, the

Mayor: was so incensed when he saw a photograph of the dilapidated hawker-filled square that he descended from his office and ordered them out himself. But they

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Pope's passion was theatre not girls



Pope: girls attracted by his athletic good looks

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

celibacy as a condition of THE Pope yesterday threw new light on his lack of ordination. romantic attachments as a

The pontiff's memoirs. which take the form of reflections on the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination in Krakow deal for the first time with the question often posed by his biographers: why did the young Karol Wojtyla, al-though deeply religious, not begin to study for the priest-hood until 1942 at the age of

surgery for an inflamed ap-Some have suggested that pendix during the summer. since he was athletic and A Vatican report on priestly vocations this month said that handsome, and a budding the number of Roman Cathoplaywright and actor, he might have been tempted by lic priests in Europe had fallen by 13 per cent since 1978, partly some of the girls who subsebecause of "secularism and quently admitted they had found him attractive. the decline of moral values and discipline" and partly

"It might be thought that if a young man with such clear ception of celibacy". The Pope, religious intentions, did not enter the seminary earlier, it

was a sign that other loves or predelictions were involved," the Pope writes. "It is true that at school I had many female colleagues, and had numerous opportunities to meet people because of my involvement in the school theatre club. But I was consumed by another passion - for literature, especially dramatic literature, and

the theatre."

The Pope recalls that he escaped deportation during the Nazi occupation by working in a stone quarry. "I often reflected that I could have been picked up at any time, at home or at the quarry, and taken to a concentration camp. So many people of my age were losing their lives all around me — why not me?" .He concluded, he says, that God had saved his life for a

Hard Rock in new ban

Madrid: The city council here has taken the "mad cow' baton from Paris and seized and incinerated 660lb of beef from the Spanish capital's Hard Rock Cafe, (Tunku Varadarajan writes).

The Irish beef had passed through a London warehouse, which made it "potentially unfit for human consumption", said Simon Viñals, Madrid's health councillor. The rules prohibit the import of British beef, so we had to take action ... even though the meat was Irish." Legal proceedings have been started against the restaurant which, in order to stay open, is serving only

The Hard Rock Café in Paris was closed earlier this it said was Irish.

Resignation of minister adds to beleaguered Prodi's woes

BY RICHARD OWEN

FTALY'S centre-left Government of Professor Romano Prodi, already reeling from huge public demonstrations against tax increases, yesterday sought to limit the damage caused by the sudden resignation of Antonio Di Pietro, a senior minister and former anti-corruption magis-

The resignation came hours before the core provisions of the controversial 1997 budget, designed to meet the Maastricht single currency criteria by slashing the public deficit, passed the lower house yester-

The centre-right opposition led by Silvio Berlusconi, the Prime Minister, boycotted the area. Signor Berlusconi — one

vote in protest against the Government's attempt to raise revenue through tax increases rather than cuts in welfare and pensions spending. The taxes remain bitterly unpopu-lar, and the trade unions vesterday threatened to call a general strike. The budget still has to pass the Senate next

month. Signor Di Pietro, who commands enormous popularity for his fight against corruption, resigned as Public Works Minister on Thursday night after only seven months in office. Earlier, he had learnt that magistrates in Brescia had begun an investigation into allegations of "irregular-ities" while he was leading the "Clean Hands" investigations

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of the most prominent figures charged with corruption under Clean Hands -called on Signor Prodi to step

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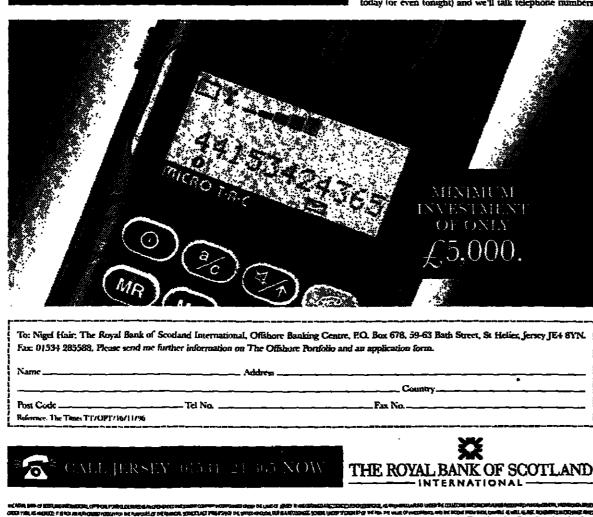
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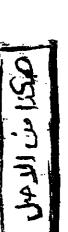
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To kinky nookie! No swearing! No thuggery before 9pm! No necrophilia! No dropping sweet wrappers in the corridor! No cheating at dominoes! No nibbling toes between meals! Yes, the BBC's tough new "code of ethics" for producers - intro-

ence to Nanny Bottomley's recent finger-wagging strictures — will certainly put the dampers on the more ebullient spirits at Television Centre. Not before time, either. To misquote the late Peter Cook, I don't pay an £89.50 licence fee to be subjected to a stream of filth from the BBC: I can get that free from my own family.

But sadly, the BBC's chaste chairman, Sir Christopher Bland (no cheap puns, please), has missed the chance to ban the most perverse and peculiar aspect of present-day British television. It's the extraordinary obsession with

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they are today? I doubt it. So much

duced this week in touching defer-

horrible illness and injury.

Any good diseases on telly tonight? objects - in theory, anyway - and a curiosity about how they work, or don't, is natural. But as I scanned next week's Radio Times I began to feel as if I was reading an unusually colourful edition of The

Lancet, or perhaps a chapter from

Confessions of a Hypochondriac. Consider this creepy selection of entertainments" in the next seven days. First come no fewer than four hospital dramas: Casualty, ER, Staying Alive and The Fragile Heart. The old cry of "is there a doctor in the house?" is clearly redundant. These days, there can scarcely be an evening when a doctor is not in most British homes, albeit emoting from the telly. TV drama has become like those bores who, when you greet them with a courteous how are you?", proceed to give you a limbby-limb bulletin

But the documentaries are even

the dramas are. Next week's Panorama is about Kawasaki disease, while Horizon digs up more scare-stories - or "disturbing evidence" - about mad cows. Modern Times also agonises about BSE, while Network First has a jolly story about "psychosurgery", the operation in which surgeons deliberately damage the brain tissue of disturbed patients.

Then there is Trust Me, I'm a Doctor, which sets out each week to disprove its title in alarming fashion; and The Mind Traveller. in which Oliver Sacks adds a little neurological angst to the schedules; and of course How Do They Do That?, which next week tells us how doctors saved the life of a jockey who had suffered the worst niuries thev had ever seen". If you tire of watching crocked

human beings, there are lots of

RICHARD MORRISON

furry friends in distress on Animal Hospital and Vets' School. Meanwhile. Channel 4 is showing a delightful documentary called Tiger Shark, which begins with a tale about a shark regurgitating a and then turns really nasty. "If you can stomach the sight of turtles reduced to bleeding pulp, this is for you," says Radio Times. Mmm, yes please! And don't sunt on the mayonnaise, watter.

Medical dramas and documentaries are not the only programmes offering a sight of squashed people. Realistic cop shows - Homicide, NYPD Blue. Miami Vice - can be relied on for a bracing batch of mutilations. The Bill promises a lip-smacking gangland execution" next week. London's Burning thrusts its hosehappy heroes into a new furnace every episode. And television is increasingly dependent on real-life accident lootage, with which it can make voyeuristic "re-enactments" such as 999 Lifesavers.

Of course, ours is not the first era to delight in dramatising

THEATRE: Benedict Nightingale on a production admirably true to the spirit and letter of a great morality play

eval mystery-play added two midwives to the story of Christ's birth - ladies otherwise unknown to biblical scholarship. They probe the private regions of the Virgin Mary before declaring her intact: a scene that would certainly fail the

BBC's new code of ethics.

ikewise, Shakespeare, Marlowe and the Jacobean playwrights all depicted gruesome injuries. Some of the world's favourite operas finish with the heroine coughing herself to death. And television has displayed a penchant for handsome medics throughout its comparatively brief history: the very names Kildare and Finlay still send shivers down susceptible spinster spines.

But have the boundaries between entertainment and human suffering ever been as blurred as of this stuff is now shown on television that we don't even notice how morbid the trend is, That is what is so ironic about

the "outrage" whipped up by David Cronenberg's film Crash, in which perverts get warped thrills from car crashes and their victims. Personally, I wouldn't cross the road to see it. But why ban it? The film only carries our macabre fascination with accident victims to its logical extreme. If we are revolted by Crash, shouldn't we also be embarrassed by the huge ratings for Casualty?

What worries me is the effect all this is having on the nation's health. I'm sure that people who watch lots of programmes about illness start to feel poorly themselves. Even the small act of writing this article has made me feel queasy; I may need to lie down for several hours in a darkened sauna to recover. Is there any treatment for telly-induced psychosomatics? I expect a programme will be along shortly to tell us.

Uncommon heard

IF SHE can give as imposing a display as this when entombed in the QEH's concrete box and burdened with a dismal sound mix, who knows what Carmen Lundy can do when the conditions are ideal? Her sensitively paced two-

hour trio performance as part of the Oris London Jazz Festival confirmed the American's right to a place in the vocalists' premier league. Lundy received the full production treatment, strings and all, on her recent JVC album Self Portrait, a polished collection that tried a little too hard to establish her credentials to be the new Sarah Vaughan and Betty Carter rolled into one. Lundy sells herself energetically as a writer too, but there is a simpering, touchy-feely quality to her lyrics more suited to one of those "quiet storm" soul radio stations.

Actually deciphering the words of the original numbers was all but impossible for a good part of the concert: Onaje Alan Gumbs's piano accom-paniment was similarly indistinct. Fortunate for us, then, that Winston Clifford's drum3077 Carmen Lundy Oueen Elizabeth Hall

ming was so acute and controlled.

What was obvious, though, was the sense of exhilaration that Lundy radiates when she has a trio cruising at her heels. Her message on Better Days may have been a routine slice of Oprah talk show uplift Better days will soon be here/All your sadness will disappear"), but her buoyant arrangement - soulful piano chords laid over insistent bass and drum figures -- gave it

contemporary momentum.
The standards My Favourite Things and My Ship benefited from the same approach. and Lundy's command of theatrical gesture was deployed to good effect on an achingly slow reading of the ballad Spring Can Really Hang You Up the Most.

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There are directors who

would tart up the piece to

make it more palatable to

unbelievers. Give it to the

cently travestied Faust, and you could expect a chorus of vices in glittering toppers. tapping their way through rococo graveyards to a neon heaven. There are other directors who would distract us with visual marvels: holograms of God. or the Grim Reaper arriving by chopper. But at The Other Place Kathryn Hunter and Marcello Magni, joint directors fresh from the Theatre de Complic-

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This seems to me true to the ont of our anonymous au thor, and most of what follows is true to his letter, too. The parasite Kindred, like Fellowship, fails to help. Goods or Money, a gold-chained spiv, points out that he is better at destroying than succouring souls. An increasingly distraught and impressive Mydell realises that he needs to bring Good Deeds to the judgment throne, only to dis-

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has left this allegorical lady looking like a laundry bag with legrosy.

I can't say why the qualities the dying Everyman is doomed to lose - Strength, Beauty, his Five Wits - should turn out to be a bunch of weirdly dressed freaks arriving by Heath Robinson motorbike. Still less can I justify the curious medley of religious charlatans who materialise between the confession he makes and the Communion he

cover that his fast-track life unclean life"; but that's no reason for the appearance of a mad monk, a voodoo shaman. a chanting Suff. et al. Since they also stage ex-

treme unction in a decidedly unorthodox way, the directors maybe hope to de-Christianise or post-Christianise the play. Given the nature of the author's beliefs, that's about as consistent as pretending a

steak barbecue is a vegetarian breakfast: yet, finally, it does not vastly matter. Whatever the incidental muddles, the brisk, rough-theatre approach has not deprived Everyman of its gravity. The Mydell who sinks shriven and renewed into the tin bathtub that doubles as his grave is what he should be: a figure of sad and simple dignity.



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Don't talk while I'm interrupting your speech

Broadcasting's culture of

rudeness won't let others get a word in, says Derwent May

t the entirely secular A memorial service for Kingsley Amis the other day, the congregation was played a recording of him when he was a castaway on Desert Island Discs. One thing particularly struck me: how substantial the musical

extracts were at that time. Nowadays, on Desert Is-land Discs, Sue Lawley talks and talks and the music has shrunk to little more than a few evocative bars of the pieces that the castaway chooses. Moreover, in the past few weeks there has been a further development. With some of the extracts, the talking continues even after the music has begun, and starts again before

the music has finished. This insistence on talking while there is something else going on that one wants to listen to is especially prevalent on television news — on all the channels. In particular, the filming of Parliament for the news bulleting has sunk to a great depth of absurdity. One only gets very brief glimpses of the proceedings, as it is — but even then one is not allowed to hear what minsters and MPs

are actually saying. What we get is a paraphrase by a reporter of what a parliamentarian is saying

even while he is saying it. We see the poor man gesticulating over the benches with his mouth opening and closing, but no sound comes from worse — his voice is heard just faintly in

the background. Here they are, cameras and sic case of the medium itself microphones in the House, being the message — and a allowing us entry to perhaps a great debate as we sit in our armchairs - and yet we find what a debater is saying, how he is saying it, what he sounds like, while the reporter drowns him out with some bare sum-mary that we could as easily

read in the papers. You feel that the reporter might just as well out his head in front of the picture and be done with it.

But the minister or MP is allowed his pathetic moment. The reporter falls silent, the sound is turned up, and we get half a sentence of wisdom or repartee from him before the bulletin goes on to something else. That "half a sentence" is not just rhetoric on my part. There is a distinct cadence to an English sentence, with the voice falling on the last word to indicate that it is the end of

the utterance. Nowadays, on television, more often than not a speaker is cut off in mid-sentence. You always know it because the voice is still rising. The bit of the sentence that one hears may make perfectly good sense in itself, but one knows that the speaker has simply

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not finished making his point. It is extremely irritating and even physically disturbing to the viewer — and, to my mind. speaker as well. That is the point I really want to make here. A culture of rudeness has sprung up on television in the

past two or three years. Allowing people to speak, to have their say, is one of the essential points of good manners and respect for other people. Talking while other people are talking, interrupting them, turning one's back on them before they have finished — these are heinous

crimes against courtesy. Yet television news does these things all the time - and prides itself on the technical skill with which it does them. That neat insertion of half a politician's sentence into a carefully worded little news item - how pleased, you can feel, the reporter and the editor of the bulletin are with the definess they have displayed in their craft.

This culture of rudeness is not, however, a matter of broadcasters being deliberately and ostentatiously rude. It reflects a disagreeable dose of self-importance, no doubt, but it also springs to some degree out of a proper pursuit — that of reporting clearly and briskwhat people such as polincians have got to say on a subject of interest. But it treats people who are on television

film as mere inert material, to be The cadence chopped up and pasted in to the bul-letin as required. of English is lost if We have been hearing a lot about you only manners and morhear half als lately, not least a sentence

on television news bulletins. But this seems to me a clasbeing the message - and a very bad message too. Viewers do not see MPs on

television film as scraps of They accept the illusion of television, and regard them as people, whom the television personnel are treating like dirt. The bulletins send a message that it is nevertheless perfectly all right to treat people like this. After all, is it not the great panjandrums of

television who are doing it? That is the way bad behaviour spreads and grows. n French television one sees a different spectacle — speakers arguing fiercely with each other, both speaking at the same time at the tops of their voices. Professor John Weightman, an authority on the

Gallic mind, told me he once

remonstrated with a Frenchwoman who did this to him. She replied blandly: "It's all right. I can hear what you're saying when I'm talking."
That does not suit us. The late Jock Murray, in his recently issued Gentleman Publisher's Commonplace Book, quotes Todd Rockefeller - one of the lesser-known Rockefellers — as saying: "Don't talk while I'm inter-

rupting". That seems far too

common a motto for television

it is very offensive to the broadcasters today. American women did not vote for Clinton's looks, but for his progressive policies, says Clare Short

omen's votes are in the news. For those of us who have been analysing wornen's voting behaviour this is long overdue. Unfortunately, our relief is accompanied by a large dose of irritation, as the issues are trivialised and we are told by the press that the battle for women's votes is a matter of party leaders' hairstyles.

Last Sunday I was quoted as saying that women's historical tendency to vote more conservatively failure for Labour. This is perfectly true. If women had voted Labour in the same proportions as men, we would have seen continuous Labour governments from 1945 to 1979 and Labour would have won in 1992. The Tories' success with women voters explains their domination of political power in the postwar period.

It is nonsense to present these results as a bombshell for Labour. While women's votes have been our historical failure, the polls show a gradual closing of the gap between men's and women's voting behav-iour. In 1951, 54 per cent of women voted Conservative, compared with 46 per cent of men. This represented a "gender gap" between men's and women's voting behaviour of 17 percentage points. By 1992, the gap was six points. Recent polls suggest that is has narrowed still further.

Women want Blair. but not for his hair

Yet women make up the majority of low-paid workers, the majority of the poorest pensioners and are more dependent on public services, such as transport and healthcare, than men. Despite Labour's achievements in creating the welfare state, the NHS and the Sex Discrimination and Equal Pay Acts, women have voted for us in smaller numbers than men.

This is a surprising and frustrating phenomenon for Labour.

The recent hysteria in the press over women's voting intent was initially sparked off by a report from the Engager Society which simply the Fawcett Society which simply highlighted the historic trends. The report pointed out that women's votes would be crucial in determining the outcome of the election.

This shift in voting patterns is of great concern to the Conservatives. It is women who have kept them in power. As women's votes shift to Labour, their power base slips away.



What is at stake is an historic shift in voting behaviour that will not just influence the next election, but the balance of power over the next 50

And international experience sug-sests that women's votes will shift. The pattern in other countries is that women's greater involvement in the labour market is followed, after a lag, by a shift in their votes to the more by a sinit in their votes to the more progressive parties. This has perhaps been most graphically illustrated in the United States. In the late 1970s, America had a gender gap, like that in the UK, which favoured the perublicant but conducted to the perublicant but conducted to the conducted to the perublicant but conducted to the conducted to the perublicant but conducted to the conducted to t Republicans. But gradually, women's votes have shifted to the Democrats. Last week we saw Bill Clinton elected on women's votes.

Women voted 58 per cent for Clinton and 33 per cent for Dole. If it had been left to the men, the result would have been too close to call - 45 per cent voted for Clinton compared with 42 per cent for Dole. This is not because women find Clinton attractive - far from it. It is because the values of the Democrats are closer to

This is the challenge which faces the Labour Party. If we could achieve this kind of historic shift in Britain, we might never see another Conservative government. The polls show that women share our values — on the need for fairness and equality of opportunity, for strong and safe communities and for financial and personal security.

personal security.

If their votes would follow, the face of British politics would be transformed. Current polling suggests that this may be about to happen. With only months to go until the election, Labour is much more popular among women than are the Conservatives. and Tony Blair remains far more popular than John Major with both sexes and all age groups.

abour is more determined than ever to communicate our message to women and to demon-strate how a Labour government will improve the quality of life to build a better future. It is right to emphasise that women's votes will be a banleground in the campaign. However, we, unlike the press, recognise that women are serious political players. Winning their support will be about offering them the vision and the policies they want, not a fictitious change in hairstyle.

The author is Shadow Minister for

Save us from this African folly

Only the exodus from Zaire can stop another fatal adventure by the West

recently noticed a bedraggled African standing with a small stool outside the Foreign Office. The man holds a flag and stares vacantly into the street. His placard says simply, "Sudan: we request a British government initiative to settle this war." We smile at the poor chap. He may be standing under the naked-breasted goddess of empire adorning the nerve-centre of diplomacy. But he must realise that Britain is no longer a great power. Rhodes and Kitchener are dead. Africa is independent. We no longer do wars there.

Yet we pretend. Like schoolboys, we play Gordon of Khartoum as if preaching morality to the Dark Continent. We send an occasional soldier to remind the Africans (and

ourselves) of the good old days. This week, had the man outside the Foreign Office only waved the Zairean flag, he would be hero of the hour. Malcolm Rifkind would rush down and invite him in for a drink.

The BBC would into sending armies sign him up as a pundit. Michael round the globe. Accountable to Portillo would enlist him as guide in none, they call in the moral B-52s for Portillo would enlist him as guide in the regiment of his choice. Michael Heseltine would suggest a speaking tour of marginal seats.

Until last night, Britain was about to dispatch troops to Zaire not to relieve a natural or human disaster but to attempt a political goal. This goal was to ferry quantities of supplies through to the Hutu settlements in Zaire then under Tutsi attack. At the same time Hutu militia leaders were to be picked out and arrested, sent to war crimes trials and their followers sent back into Rwanda. (The French had a different goal, to protect their old friends, the same Hutu leaders, from Tutsi retribution.) These confused objectives were unlikely to be attained by intervention, and every private adviser was telling ministers so. On Thursday the Defence Secretary. Mr Portillo, at least had the honesty to sound unconvincing. He even pretended that British troops were not really

going, just thinking of going as a token of "something being done". This is how most British armies go abroad nowadays, crabwise to "dosomething unspecified. In the last merchant adventurers stirred the media to badger politi-

cians over national pride. Gunboats and troop carriers were duly sent. The merchant adventurers of modern Africa are the aid agencies, often feuding with each other and the United Nations. They are the biggest power-brokers on the continent. They can move large quantities of money and supplies. They influence the outcome of wars, as in Ethiopia. They occupy territory, wreck fragile market economies, encourage rural depopulation and are obsessed with self-publicity. I accept the sincerity of their purpose and the fact that they can save lives in the short term. The iury is out on how many they cost in the long term.

These charities once made much of their pacifism, as the International Committee of the Red Cross still does. They refused ever to work under the shadow of the gun.

But since Somalia and Bosnia, aid agencies have risen to the sound of the life and drum. With a jeer at the UN and CNN soundbite, they can now embarrass statesmen

surgical strikes at targets selected for accessibility to television news. (There is no fundraising for starving Azeris or Chechens.) In Zaire it has been the turn of CARE and Save the Children to have their logos emblazoned over CNN reports brazenly calling for troops. Under the exaggerated slogan a million dead by Christmas", a fund-raising drive is under way. Pity the needy of Sudan, Liberia, Angola. Zaire is in play.

Two years ago some more reputa-

ble relief agencies (including Save the

Children) refused to go to Goma and

other Rwandan refugee settlements in Zaire. Stabilising such havens for Hutu leaders and their followers was certain to lead to trouble. Even at some short-term humanitarian cost. the hundreds of thousands pouring into Zaire had to be left to go home. Instead, for two years Goma became a city sustained by aid and policed by warlords, waiting for the Tutsi counter-attack. It has duly come. The mercy is that it came, and has proved effective, before Western soldiers arrived on the scene. The latter would have been been drawn into a civil war in which they would inevitably taken sides. Battle lines would have hard-



In handling the Rwandan refugee crisis, has the West learnt from the UN's fiasco in the Congo (now Zaire) 35 years ago? These Irish UN troops were captured in 1961 by the secessionist forces of Katanga

ened. There would have been less, not international director of Oxfam welmore, chance of yesterday's mass return to Rwanda.

For six years the world has been flooding Rwanda with aid and troops, including 600 Britons in 1994. None of this appears to have done an ounce of good. Tens of millions of dollars have gone down the drain and tens of thousands of people have died. Rwanda is plainly worse off than it was before the intervention began. Yet nobody conducts any audit. British MPs on Thursday seemed unaware that Britain had troops in Rwanda as recently as 1994. The reason is that they were never part of any strategy, humanitarian, political or military. They were to enable a minister to show he was

"taking a lead" at some conference. Rwanda's troubles are not natural but man-made. Politically-correct racism holds that African states must never be held to blame for the human cost of their civil wars. Every charity spokesman I have heard has implied that the fault lies with the UN, the West or some non-existent entity called "the international community". Yesterday in The Times, the

comed the dispatch of UN troops to the war in Zaire. He blithely demanded that they "disarm the genocidal militia and forces of the former Rwandan regime" (that is the Hutus), as well as achieve a political settlement in the region". The Washington Post, for its part, called last week for Western troops to separate combatants from non-combatants in the camps so that "the killers be culled". It would be ludicrous to expect 12,000 white soldiers operating in hostile country under genteel rules of engagement to do any such thing, even if there were the remotest legal justification for such intrusion. Thank goodness the UN delayed until the Tutsis did the job instead.

There is no point in charity that merely prolongs war. But if charity is to be given, let it be private and go where it is most needed and not where it serves politics. Rwanda is a fertile independent state that has squandered years of help. The place has become drunk on intervention. It needs to re-establish central author-

ity, whether democratic or not. Sending in foreign soldiers to substitute for local authority, to disarm the latter's enemies or protect them from retaliation, to move peoples across the map and to impose political settlements, is neo-imperialism.

Even if there were a moral case for the aid agencies implicit desire to restore Western sovereignty in Central Africa - coded as "humanitarian relief" — there is no clear strategy to achieve it. For instance, France's motives in Rwanda-Zaire are diarnetrically opposed to Britain's. Even if there were such a strategy for intervention, there is none for subsequent disengagement. Britain is terrible at leaving Africa.

The West appears to have lost what was meant to be a test of its moral Rapid Deployment capability. The logic of power on the ground has, for once, stolen a march. What else is around? Mr Rifkind could perhaps take the advice of the man outside his office. He could try Sudan. There the sons of the Mahdi are again on the rampage. Thousands are starving. Khartoum awaits. It would be a fine place for a Tory last stand.

Scotch fling

about Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother's health and file it under N for "Next patient please". Thursday night saw her in Blitz form as she attended the Victory Services Club behind Marble Arch with 150 fellow members of the Black Watch Association.

At 96 she has been hors de combat with a chill, missing even the Remembrance Day Parade. But for the Bowes Lyon "family" regiment, of which she is Colonel-in-



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push forward," said Colonel R.I.L. Ker. "There is not a hope in hell that the Colonel-in-Chief can meet you all." Clearly, he had not consulted the Queen Mother first.

As she was piped in, behind her came a butler carrying a dry Martini on a silver tray, a change from her usual gin and Dubonnet. She would turn occasionally for a reviving draught as she toured the assorted kilts.

She wore her favourite earrings in the Black Watch "Jimmies" (St.

Andrew's Cross badge worn on sporran and Glengarry) and the jewelled Jimmie brooch given to her by one of her brothers who was killed with the BW at Arras in 1914. Grizzled old sergeants grew quite moist-eyed at the sight of her and the affection was obviously mutual. After 50 minutes of gossiping she had to be dragged away by her pipers to another engagement.

Before the company sat down to a dinner the upturned pyramid Martini glass, complete with royal lipstick smudge, was auctioned for

• Lord Tebbit added his own remarks to the politicians hair debate on Thursday night before

delivering a lecture at Church House in Westminster. John Red-wood introduced him, pointing out that he didn't have quite as much hair as some others to worry about. Tebbit told his audience that his approach to hair-care is seasonal. "I get my hair cut four times a year. At the winter and summer solstices and both equinoxes. That way I don't forget about it."

Oil baron MAJORCANS are divided over the increasing presence on their is-



Any chance of returning Billy Connolly as well?



land of Richard Branson. First he opened the discreet, yet ritzy, La Residencia hotel. Now his latest plans for a beachside pleasure palace have run into some local oppo-sition. The new site, which Branson has already bought, contains a sizeable olive grove. Branson's people had a dream: weary rai-racers could come and work out their tensions in this kibbutz-like idyll, pressing olives, making olive oil. This could then be sold as Virgin extra virgin.

Planners are now dithering over the idea, while Virgin tells me: "Richard is toying with lots of ideas." The word in the Balearics is that he may need all of them.

● Next year's Conservative Party conference in Blackpool could mark the last time the Tories use the imposing, red-brick Imperial Hotel as their headquarters. There is talk within the National Union.

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which organises the conference, of decamping to the Pembroke down the road. This follows complaints from many party members that the imperial during conference is an overpriced, overheated inferno. By contrast, the Pembroke is cool and modern. Fill it with 1,000 barking Tories, however, and that is unlikely to last.

With nobs on

THE WHIFF of damp Barbours and creak of old brogues was evi-dent in central Manhattan this week when the British Field Sports Society held a fundraising auction. It attracted more than 250, mostly deep-pocketed, New Yorkers.

Under the hammer went a day's pheasant shooting and dinner with Lord and Lady Vestey at Stowell Park, Gloucestershire, for \$9,000. A three-day stay in London with lunch at the House of Lords with the Earl of Stockton — him picking up the tab — sold for \$3,000, and a day's shooting with the Duke of Mariborough for \$10,500. The Legge-Bourkes of Powys, Tiggy's parents, offered a duck day at

Lord Willoughby de Broke, who organised the evening, looked pink with pleasure at the total raised, which exceeded \$200,000. It was a measure of the buying fury of the night that some soul even bid \$350 for a tour of the Palace of Westminster with the twittish Tory MP for Wimbledon, Charles Goodson-Wickes, roughly \$349 more than most would consider paying.

All bran

BEST to keep upwind of Lord Ar-cher of Weston-super-Mare at the moment. He is on a high fibre diet - lots of bran, green vegetables and wholemeal bread - in an effort to lose weight. The inspiration for this came as the Archers celebrated their thirtieth wedding anniversary. Lady A noticed she was one pound lighter than on the day they married. Not so Jeffrey, who came in two stone heavier.

Ever the man of action, Archer hired a personal trainer to beat the up in my own gym" with a pledge to be two stone lighter by Decem-ber I. Unfortunately all is not going to plan."I lose the fat but then it turns to muscle," he says, "result-ing in only minimal weight loss."

Lord Archer claims the exercise and diet makes him feel twice as spritely. I used to be thresome now hashor her shoot.
I'm impossible. The only thing I Miss Hicks, it emerged was miss is shepherd's pie.

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Model baby

Missing from Thursday's Cartier party in New Bond Street was

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India Hicks, model, granddaughter of Earl Mountbatten and one of the fices of the jewellers' new advertisements. Guests had to make do with Cartier's other catalogue models, such as Lactitia Cash. dangement of Bill Cash, MP, and Take Palmer Tomkinson, the daring Bulham essayist, who posed in a telephone booth wearing a furry hashowher shoot.

where she was preparing for her first paby. Her boyfriend manages



CASSANDRA'S WARNING

How to plan a coup against Prime Minister Blair

It is the nightmare that good combative Conservatives try to conjure when faced with a friend who is backing Tony Blair. remember Ken Livingstone and the GLC. A moderate leader of the Labour group was ousted in a left-wing putsch straight after winning an election: the same fate might await that nice Mr Blair.

Now, however, it is not a Tory mooting this possibility but a Labour figure writing under the pseudonym "Cassandra" in Tribune. The author suggests that, by the end of next year. Mr Blair will be "isolated and weakened beyond recovery", and that Robin Cook, who has "built the strongest parliamentary reputation since John Smith" will be ready to step into his shoes.

How credible is this? Labour has traditionally been much less ruthless than the Tories about replacing its leaders. Attlee. Gaitskell, Wilson, Michael Foot and Neil Kinnock all suspected plots to oust them. Sometimes they were right. But they all held on to their posts. If Labour was not prepared to sack Mr Foot when he was in Opposition and trailing hugely in the polls, it might seem unlikely that the party would want to rid itself of Mr Blair if he were Prime Minister and has just delivered them its first general election victory for 23 years.

It has to be said that Messrs Foot and Kinnock were retained well beyond their useful life because the party still felt sentimentally loyal towards them. Mr Blair, less rooted in the party, is unlikely to be able to draw on such reserves. But one look at the constitutional obstacles to sacking a Labour leader when the party is in office shows how unlikely the Livingstone idea ought to be.

If a leadership contest is to be triggered against a Labour Prime Minister, a majority of the party conference (that is, trade unionists and constituency activists) would have to vote for one. Then 20 per cent of Labour MPs (probably 65 to 70 in the event of an election victory) would have to declare their support, publicly, for the challenger. Technically, Mr Blair looks safe enough.

The only other hope for Cassandra is a Cabinet revolt. In the end, it was loss of the Cabiners confidence that put paid to Margaret Thatcher. The same fate would have befallen John Major had there been an alternative candidate around whom his colleagues could unite.

What combination of circumstances could make the Cabinet turn against Mr Blair? A decision to enter the single currency could be one such. The imposition of economic austerity in order to meet the convergence criteria could lead to high unemployment, huge government unpopularity and a weakening of the Prime Minister's position. Mr Cook, with his known Euro-sceptic views, could benefit from Mr Blair's misfortune. That is one reason why the Labour leader is highly

unlikely to take such a risk. There is little in Labour's proposed programme that could generate a coup. The whole purpose of winning party support for new Labour policies in advance of an election is that members will be unable to complain afterwards if they are put into effect. But there are still "events", the bane of every politician's life. Most threatening to Mr Blair would be a series of severe public sector strikes, in which he and Gordon Brown could be presented as authoritarian, antitrade union gorgons fighting nurses, ambulance drivers or school dinner ladies. Mr Cook could hint that he would like to see the strikes settled with a higher pay offer and that only the instransigence of Messrs Blair

and Brown was preventing a resolution.

If he became Prime Minister, Mr Blair would undoubtedly have to take unpopular decisions. His only hope, therefore, would be to surround himself with like-minded people. His first Cabinet would have to be made up largely of the present Shadow Cabinet. But before long, he would be able to bring in more modernisers. And Mr Cook. a prickly loner, is not popular with his senior colleagues. They would not eagerly precipitate a change of leadership that might give

DAWN OF HOPE

The West must review every aspect of its African mercy mission

Almost overnight, the rebel forces in eastern Zaire appear to have accomplished what America and Canada feared to undertake. France refused to contemplate and Britain ast Mugunga camps near Goma have succeeded in driving the extremist Rwandan Huru militias into the surrounding forests. Free at last of armed intimidation and able to make their own choices, around 400,000 ordinary Rwandan refugees emptied the camps at first light; most of them appear to be headed home. As the news spreads, other refugees may vote with their feet.

The emergency is not over, but at least one part of the Great Lakes jigsaw may be coming back together. If the Interahamwe's grip over their fellow Hutus is really on the way to being broken, the task of providing help will dramatically change. An unknown number of refugees, scattered by the recent fighting, may find their way back blocked by armed gangs. "Food trails" to the frontier, possibly including air drops, may be needed. But the main relief effort should be in Rwanda and, probably, Burundi too. That is particularly important to acknowledge because this flow could abruptly reverse if the returnees encounter violence in Rwanda.

Western governments have already started the military ball rolling in one direction and spent some capital preparing their publics for a "Zaire mission". They may be tempted to hold course simply bewuse they have reached broad agreement In it. The Foreign Office view yesterday was that "news reports" justified no change of plan. The French, who continue to give the impression that their real aim is to use the "international community" to help Zaire's Government to regain control of its eastern provinces, were still talking about clearing Goma and Bukavu airstrips of Zairean rebel forces. Why "secure" airstrips where there is no fighting, in order to reach refugees who may not be there?

To stick to plan would be absurdly considered highly risky. Their attacks on the counter-productive. In order to capitalise on this imexpected breakthrough, the utmost flexibility is now called for. At Stuttgart next week, the West should review all its initial assumptions about the size, configuration and character of the military mission.

The most urgent immediate need may be a military airlift of food to Rwanda itself. But this will require astute handling of relations with the Rwandan Government, which understandably takes the view that the money spent on deploying soldiers would be better directed to assisting resettlement. Military contingents could speed aid distribution now. But airstrips which are needed to ferry in aid must not be clogged by massive troop deployments. The Hutu returnees must be protected from reprisals by local Tutsis who suspect them, with some justice, of complicity in the 1994 massacre. For this task, more human rights monitors would be the best contribution.

If it adjusts intelligently to the new realities, the West could be in the heartening, and unexpected, position of reinforcing good news. Instead of battling, perhaps literally, to get relief to the Zaire camps - much of which, unless these murderous militias were first disabled, was going to end up in their hands - international effort can and should be concentrated on making this massive and apparently spontaneous homeward migration a durable success. That is what the Rwandan Government insists that it wants. National reconciliation may seem near-impossible after the horrors of 1994; but it has had precious little help to date with this tremendous task. It is time to invest in a more stable Rwanda.

TAUT LINES

The modern fisherman needs more than patience and a worm

High-speed fishing used to be an oxymoron. Fishing once gave the angler something to do while he was not doing anything. Centuries of literature and lore have used the sport as a metaphor for the virtues of patience, idleness and Micawberism Izaak Walton hinted at these pleasures when he subtitled The Compleat Angler. A Contemplative Man's Recreation. There was nothing highspeed about his riverbank idyll, except the march to fish supper at the end of the day.

As our Angling Correspondent reports today. Larry Salter of Ebbw Vale sees his sport rather differently, and has smashed the world record for bleak-fishing by landing 46lbs 12 ozs of fish in five hours. If his quarry had been a record pike from Llandegledd Reservoir or a giant salmon out of the Tay, this might have been a satisfactory catch of one fish after a long day's wait. But bleak are among the smallest ish to take a bait, smaller even than whitebait, though nothing like as good in batter. They average only a third of an ounce. Mr Salter caught more than 1,500 of them. So he was averaging a fish every 12 seconds, and at times of feeding frenzy or the bleak rush hour he was landing a fish and getting his hook back in the water once every five seconds. He describes his style of fishing

as continuous saluting. The Angling Times describes him as "a human windmill".

So we have to revise our image of the fisherman as a man of patience and guile. taking pains to change his hait or tie his flies. To rewrite Dr Johnson, the angler is no longer a jerk on one end of the line waiting for another jerk that never comes. Good fishing has become physical exercise like

Records attract fishermen, who can dislocate more arms describing their catches than landing them. The lure of the record-book has put many a fish in a glass case instead of the frying-pan. But a record bleak would look puny even in a test tube. So bleak-fishing has become a race of number-crunching.

It comes as no surprise that this fast sport was invented by the Italians, who are thing as lazy as a day in June. Teaching worms to swim on the end of a line, anyone?

Indian Clubs or operating a pneumatic drill.

generally regarded by the British as more volatile and less phlegmatic than themselves. Their designer gadgets of modern angling make Christmas presents for fishermen almost as easy as for golfers. But until now fisherman's elbow was never a threat to Izaak Walton. If fishing is to become a highspeed competition, we need a substitute leisure activity for the contemplative, some-

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Implications of 48-hour directive

From Sir Roy Denman

Sir, It is difficult to take Mr Major seriously on the European working time directive (letters, November 12, 14), or indeed any European question, be-cause, like Charlie Chaplin, he no sooner crawls out of one hole than he stumbles into another.

He banged the table in March 1994 on the number of votes needed to block a decision by the Council of Ministers but got nowhere. The same thing happened earlier this year with the beef war. The same thing will hap-pen again with the working time dir-

What he has achieved is something quite different. Our partners are be-ginning to ask whether they want us in the club. A leading German weekly, Die Zeit, wrote on June 21:

Thanks to mad cows and the export ban on British beef... one thing is clear. Either the 15 go on as they have done and steer Europe into a blind alley or progress is possible with fewer than the 15.

Similar thoughts have been expressed in the Belgian press.
This leads to the fundamental ques-

tion which the rest of the Union will soon want answered. For most of them the destination is what one of the drafters of the Treaty of Rome. Pierre Uri, called "fiscal, social, mone-tary, and ultimately political union". Britain can no more stop this than could King Canute the tide. The question is whether we want wholeheartedly to join them on this journey or simply settle for a peripheral role.

Europe will not wait much longer. They are sick and tired of dragging along an unwilling partner. Our politicians need, in honesty to us and to our friends, to declare our colours if the rest of Europe is not to move ahead without us.

Yours faithfully, ROY DENMAN, 194b Avenue de Tervuren, 1150 Brussels. November 15.

From Mr Bryan Cassidy, MEP for Dorset and East Devon (European People's Party Parliamentary Group (Conservative))

Sir, In all the fuss over the European Court of Justice's judgment over the Council directive on aspects of working time one further point should be made - implementation and enforcement are the responsibility of national authorities. In our case that would probably be the Health and Safety Ex-

Past experience shows that in implementing EU health and safety measures the UK has imposed obligations on British firms which were not required by the original directives, for example, by including penalties such as fines or imprisonment.

I hope that when the House of Commons comes to consider the UK regulation to implement the working-time directive it will throw out anything which "gold plates" it, especially penalties, since there are none in the directive itself.

Why not do what other member States of the EU do - simply follow the exact text of the original directive? That would avoid imposing unnecessary burdens on British employers.

Yours faithfully, BRYAN CASSIDY (Conservative Spokesman on Economic Affairs). European Parliament, 97-113 Rue Belliard, 1040 Brussels.

From Mr Malcolm Wicks, MP for Croydon North West (Labour)

Sir, It would be foolish if the European Court's judgment on the 48-hour working-week limit was debated purely in terms of the politics of Europe. A report, Parenting in the 1990s, published on November 4 by the Family Policy Studies Centre, examines the impact of employment patterns on family life. A major finding is that "more than one in four fathers worked 50 hours a week or more, and those who did were less involved in family activities". One in ten fathers works 60 hours or more a week.

The survey also revealed that two-thirds of the fathers sometimes worked in the evenings and six out of ten sometimes at weekends. Given that many mothers too work antisocial hours, the time available for both parents to be together in the family was often reduced.

These are significant lessons for public policy. How we enable British men and women to have worthwhile employment, while enabling them also to have decent family lives and be effective parents, is a vital question. The alleged "freedom" to exploit the British employee is an anti-family policy that we must resist.

MALCOLM WICKS (Opposition Social Security Spokesperson on Family Policy). House of Commons. November 13.

Irish giants

From Lord Kilbracken Sir, Mr D. Barton writes (letter, November 9) that the imposition of the English language on the Irish people. which he calls compulsory English. "gave us the giants of Irish literature". Not so. These giants were virtually all Anglo-Irish, who would have spoken

English anyway. Yours faithfully. JOHN KILBRACKEN, House of Lords.

British knowledge of Nazi atrocities

before the establishment of extermina-

tion camps, and the fact that many of

the first killings were carried out by

the German Ordnungspolizei, have

been amply described in Those Were

The Days and God With Us by Klee,

Dressen and Riess (1988, 1992), in Or-

dinary Men by Christopher Brown-

ing (1992), in my own Albert Speer, His Battle With Truth (1995) and,

however critical I was in my review

(March 28, 1996), in Hitler's Willing

The East European murders, order-

ed by Hitler and carried out during

the last six months of 1941, included not "only" about half a million Rus-

sian Jews, but many tens of thousands

of non-Jewish Russian civilians - the

political and cultural elite of dozens of

They also included most of the Jews

(250,000 in Lithuania alone) and

countless non-Jews in the three Baltic republics and Poland. It is true that

many of these actions were originally carried out by native National Guards and later by the Ordnungspolizei.

However, these organisations were

under the control and command of the

SS, and all their reports were signed

These murders have long been a

matter of historical fact. It is still un-

clear when they were first recognised

as being the start of the genocide of all

European Jewry and of the systematic

elimination of Eastern Europe's so-cial, religious and cultural elite. The

truth about British knowledge of these

matters will not be found in German

or Russian documents, but in Britain

where it is as yet carefully hidden

c/o Tessa Sayle Literary Agency.

conquered cities.

by SS officers.

Sincerely yours, GITTA SERENY,

November 14.

Il Jubilee Place, SW3.

Executioners by Daniel Goldhagen.

From Dr John P. Fox

Sir, Professor Richard Breitman's achievement in winkling out of the United States Government the transcripts of the telegraphic reports of the Nazi Einsatzgruppen killer squads in Russia in 1941 (report, "Britain knew Jews were being killed before Ausch-

witz' ") is to be applauded. However, it should be recalled that in 1981 Professor F. H. Hinsley revealed that the British intelligence Enigma decrypts of German telegraphic traffic also included German police and security reports of their mass killing of Jews in Russia and the Ukraine in the autumn of 1941.

Summaries of those decrypts were submitted to Winston Churchill on a regular basis and these were eventually made available for public inspection at the Public Record Office, Kew, in November 1993. Three years ago my efforts to have transcripts of the decrypts themselves made available at Kew proved abortive.

In view of Professor Breitman's success in Washington, and of the nonsense that this makes of Britain's unwillingness or inability to release the British holdings of these documents. I have now written to the Prime Minister asking for their release.

JOHN P. FOX (Lecturer in Jewish history), Jews' College, 44a Albert Road, NW4.

From Ms Gitta Sereny

Sir, The impression given by Professor Richard Breitman's remarks, as quoted in your report, is misleading. Presenting already well-known historical facts as new discoveries tends to diminish their substance and even to misreoresent them.

The murder of hundreds of thousands of Jews in Russia in 1941, well

Two minutes' silence

of Scotland Presbytery of Orkney

From the Moderator of the Church

Sir. On Remembrance Sunday. I con-

ducted two remembrance services in

small rural parishes in this county, following which wreaths were laid at

local war memorials (letters, Novem-

ber 7, 13). Other rural parish churches

in our county did the same. At St

Magnus Cathedral, Kirkwall, and at

Stromness, the Royal British Legion

and other uniformed bodies attended

similar services occurred without na-

tional publicity the length and

breadth of the United Kingdom, at

which ex-servicemen and others gath-

I was born in 1948, and have only a

vague childish memory of the daytime

silence for Armistice Day. I have,

however, attended and led many rem-

embrance services - indeed, I believe

that for the last thirty years such services, together with the Earl Haig

Fund's poppies, have kept the mem-

ory alive of the sacrifices of 1914-18 and

thereafter. Leading worship for con-gregations that include people who

have been under fire and lost friends

is for me a profoundly moving exper-

pleased to observe a second and per-

ered and stood in silent respect.

I church parades. No doub

sonal remembrance on November 11. I cannot but think, however, that it is a pity that our nation cannot listen to more than one message at a time so that the call to silence on Monday this year swamped and, it seems to me, diminished in the public's esteem the multitude of acts of remembrance

held as usual on the Sunday. You report Charles Lewis, control-ler of communications at the Royal British Legion, as saying (November 11): "We know it will never take the place of the Remembrance Day ceremony in Whitehall. We are just calling hope that, next year, the Legion's pub-licity will remember that such services are not confined to Whitehall.

FRANK BARDGETT. Moderator of the Church of Scotland Presbytery of Orkney. Daystar, Deerness, Orkney.

From Mr Les Holley

Sir, Is it not time that the Remembrance Day ritual be laid to rest? I am certain that those who remain do not need a two minutes' silence or an annual ceremony at the Cenotaph to remember their loved ones. It is time to let go and move on.

in an age when church attendance is diminishing. I can understand the Yours faithfully. decision of the Legion to try to revive L HOLLEY. the midweek silence. No doubt those 23a West Street Harrow on the Hill, Middlesex. who attend the Sunday services are November 11.

Crisis in Africa

From the Executive Director of Médecins Sans Frontières (UK)

Sir, I must challenge Sam Kiley's as-sumption (report, November 12) that a small aid convoy into the beleaguered Zairean town of Goma signals the start of a "fundraising frenzy" among aid agencies. Despite the rebels' announcements

to the contrary, aid agencies still have no access to the hundreds of thousands of people caught in the crossfire outside the town. Our main priority is access and security, not fundraising. Mr Kiley refers to MSF as "French based". It is, in fact, an international

agency, with offices in 19 countries and relief operations in 70 others. MSF has no links to the French Government, from which it accepts no donations, and has always been loudly critical of France's policy in Africa. As a matter of fact, our emergency department running this operation is

Yours sincerely, ANNE-MARIE HUBY. Executive Director. Médecins Sans Frontières (UK). 124-132 Clerkenwell Road, ECI. November 12.

based in Amsterdam.

A calming influence

From Dr N. D. Whyatt

Sir, I fear that your correspondents have missed the point concerning weather, and especially shipping, forecasts (letters, November 2.5, 11). I have often listened to the 0033, now the 0055, bulletin in the middle of the Channel, on a wet night, with the

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Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number --0171-782 5046.

From the Ambassador of Rwanda Sir, I commend Air Marshal Sir John

Curtiss in his search for solutions to the conflict in Central Africa (letter. November 12). I just want to remind him that the situation in Rwanda is not "deteriorating rapidly"; it is rapidly improving two years after genocide. Perhaps he meant to refer to the situation in Zaire, which is where the refugees who would benefit from Operation Snowdrop are.

Yours etc. Z. NSENGA. Embassy of Rwanda. 58-59 Trafalgar Square, WC2.

From Mr George Wang

Sir, Arguing for intervention in Zaire, Mr Richard Parsons (letter, November 9) questions whether we have "reached the stage where humanitarian concerns alone cannot motivate policy". Humanitarian concerns alone have never motivated any country's foreign policy. Yours sincerely.

University of Warwick. Department of Politics and International Studies, Coventry CV4 7AL

shrieks of wind and wife as back-ट्राठधार्च.

Many will agree that the essential ingredient for the announcer to convey content and meaning is the subtlety of diction. The very best in my view have been women. Dilly Barlow, with her beautiful

voice, used to convey the weather details and the impression she was tucking one up in bed very tenderly. Wonderful! Fenella Hadingham is preny good too. Try staying up late and

Yours faithfully, N. D. WHYATT, Rose Cottage, 12 Bowden Hill. Lacock, nr. Chippenham, Wiltshire. November 12

Oxford obstacle to business school

From Mr John T. Hall

Sir. There are three main problems with the view (letter, November 11) that universities should return "to the days when the professional academic community had ultimate control over

planning and development". Academic staff are only one of several important groups, including students and the taxpayer, who have an interest in the success of our universities. Second, potential conflicts of interest should be treated with caution; as employees, academic staff have an undeniable financial interest in universities which is incompatible with objective and impartial policymaking. Third, the experience which they bring to higher education is uniquely that of scholars and not insti-

tutional planners or managers. There may be a case for arguing that university planning and develop-ment should be made more responsive to academic staff and others. However, greater responsiveness should not be confused with a handover of power to the dons, which would hardly make universities the dynamic and outward-looking enterprises they should be.

Yours faithfully, JOHN T. HALL (Head, Education Law Department), Eversheds (solicitors). Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria Street, EC4. November 12

From Mr Wafic Said

Sir, I fear that my inexperience in talking to journalists may have led me inadvertently to mislead your readers. In telling Valerie Grove (interview, November 13) that I had not offered a benefaction to Cambridge University to help develop its business school because somebody got there first, I was

giving a flippant reply. Although I support a number of scholarships at Cambridge (report, November 13), they never approached me in connection with their business school, which has been handsomely supported by Sir Paul Judge. I was specifically approached by Oxford in relation to their business school and was impressed by their concept of a close integration between management studies and the life of the rest of

the university.
This is the project I want to support: it is not a second best. I apologise for any confusion I may

have caused. Yours faithfully. WAFIC SAID. 27 Avenue Princesse Grace, MC-98000, Monaco.

November 13. From Mr Christopher Taylor

Sir, Management in the 21st century will mean the direction of dispersed units - machines in different countries, people in their homes - towards a common end. With modern communications, an organisation does not need a central site; nor should Oxford University's business school.

Yours faithfully. CHRISTOPHER TAYLOR. 5 Park Crescent, Cuddington, Northwich, Cheshire. November 12

VAT on listed buildings From Mr R. E. Howard-Vyse

Sir, I warmly applaud the call from Sir Jocelyn Stevens, Chairman of English Heritage, for traditional roofing materials to be preserved (report,

November 14). As one responsible for a number of Grade II listed buildings, some with stone roofs, I appreciate that his funds are not sufficient to grant aid for their repair, but he might consider the following anomaly: whereas standard-rate VAT is levied and not generally reclaimable on the cost of maintaining listed buildings, the cost of altering such buildings is zero-rated.

Some time ago, just after I had paid a bill for replacing several non-standard and expensive window frames. I met a lady who was delighted that the cost of altering her listed barn into an indoor swimming pool was zerorated. You may imagine my feelings.

I hope Sir Jocelyn will join me in lobbying the Government to make the maintenance of listed buildings zerorated for VAT, thereby helping those whose costs are inflated by statutory listings, against which there is, as yet. no appeals procedure.

Yours faithfully. RICHARD HOWARD-VYSE. The Estate Office, Langton. Malton, North Yorkshire. November 14.

1, 2, 3, testing

From Mr D. G. Cole

Sir, I was privileged to be present at the installation of Lord Howe of Aberavon, CH, QC, as President of the Academy of Experts, which was held in the engine room of Tower Bridge on November 6. Unfortunately, the microphone failed to work and, despite an appeal from the chairman. there was no one among the large number of member experts present. all with their own special skills, with the required expertise to make it func-

Yours faithfully. D. G. COLE. 46 Gravel Road, Bromley, Kent.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 15: The Baroness Trumpington (Baroness in Waitingl was present at Heathrow Airport. London, this evening upon the Departure of The Presi-dent of the Republic of Latvia and Mrs Ulmane and bade them farewell on behalf of The Queen. Her Majesty was represented by Sir George Edwards OM at the Memorial Service for Air Com-modore Sir Frank Whittle OM which was held in Westminster

Abbey today.

The Duke of Edinburgh was

represented by Professor Sir David Davies. **BUCKINGHAM PALACE**

November 15: The Princess Royal. President Animal Health Trust. today attended the Cheltenham Countryside Race Day at Cheltennam Racecourse and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Gloucestershire (Mr Henry

ST JAMES'S PALACE November 15: The Prince of Wales this afternoon received The President of the Republic of Latvia. His Royal Highness this evecan donors of the Gdansk Theatre

Company. KENSINGTON PALACE November IS: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President, the Royal Scottish Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children. was present this evening at the Touch of Tartan' Ball held at the Beach Ballroom, Aberdeen, in aid

of the Society.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Abendeen (Mrs Margaret Farquhar). YORK HOUSE

ST JAMES'S PALACE November 15: The Duke of Kent attended a Memorial Service for Air Commodore Sir Frank Whittle which was held in Westminster Abbey, London SW1, this

His Royal Highness, Colonel-in-Chief, this evening attended a Devonshire and Dorset Regimental Dinner, at the Army and Navy Club, Pall Mall, London SWI.

Royal engagements

TODAY: Prince Edward will attend the final of the Bathurst Cup at the Learnington Tennis Court Club at 5.00 followed by the sesquicentennial dinner in the Town Hall, Royal Learnington Spa, Warwickshire.

Reception

Mr Harry Price, President of the Old Mercers' Club, and Mrs Price, welcomed Old Mercers and their guests at a reception held last night at the International Shakespeare Globe

Service dinners

Minewarfare & Clearance Diving Officers' Association Diving Officers' Association
Vice-Admiral Sir Jonathan Tod.
Deputy Commander Fleet, was the
principal guest at the annual dinner
of the Minewarlare & Clearance
Diving Officers' Association held
last night in HMS Excellent.
Commanuter J.W. Arrow, Superintendent of Diving for the Royal
Navy and chairman of the
association, presided.

41 Commando Royal Marines AT Commando Royal Marines
Mr F.C. Hayhurst of the 41 Independent Commando Association was the
principal guest at the annual dinner
of the 41 Commando Royal Marines
Officers' Dinner Club held last night
in Lympstone. Major C.E. Walker
presided.

The Devonshire and Dorset

Regiment
The Duke of Kent. Colonel-in-Chief of The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment, amended the annual dinner of the officers' association held yesterday at the Army and Navy Cub. General Sir John Wilsey. Colonel of the Regiment, presided. Viscount Cranborne. Henorary Colonel of the 4th Battalion, the Ventalianan. Archdescon for the J.J. Holliman. Archdeacon for the Army, and Brigadier R.S. Tailyour. Commandant Devon ACT, were among the guests.

HAC Brigadier F.R. Viggers was the principal guest at the annual dinner of II Squadron, Honourable Artillery Company, held last night at Armoury House, Major A.H.S. Gabb, Squadron Commander, presided.

49 Infantry Division/

49 Infantry Brigade Brigadier Peter Stevenson was the principal guest at the annual dinner of the Polar Bear Dinner Club (49 Inlantry Division/49 Infantry Brigade) held last night at Chetwynd Barracks, Nottinghamshire, Briga-dier Johnny Walker presided.

Army Cadet Force Association Army Cadet Force Association
General Sir Roger Wheeler was the
principal guest at the annual members' dinner of the Army Cadet Force
Association held last night at the
Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsea, General Sir Perer de la Billière
presided.

Dinner

Midland and Oxford Circuit Mr James Hunt. QC, Leader of the Midland and Oxford Circuit, presided at a Bar Mess dinner held last night at Middle Temple Hall to honour the former leader. Mr Richard Wakerley, QC, and to mark the silver anniversary of the the silver anniversary of the combined Midland and Oxford Circuits and the appointments of Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Judge and Mr Justice Astill.



Sir Magdi Yacoub, the surgeon, is 61 today

Martin Scorsese, film director: 54 tomorrow

Weekend birthdays

TODAY: Mr Peter Ainsworth, MP, 40: Mr Frank Brumo, boxer, 35: Mr Willie Carson, jockey, 54: Lord Fairhayen, 60: Mrs Zina Garrison-Jackson, tennis player, 33: Professor Malculm Jeeves, president, Royal Society of Edinburgh, 70: Viscount Greschen, 31: Sir John Hanson, Director-General British Council, 58: Sir Colin Marshall, chairman, British Airways, 63: the Duke of Northumberland, 40: Professor W.G Overend, former Master, Birkbeck College, 75: Mr Griff Rhys Jones, actm., writer and producer. beck College, 75: Mr Griff Rrys Jones, actor, writer and pruducer, 43; Sir Giles Shaw, MP, 65: Mr John G. Stenhouse, former chairman, Stenhouse Holdings, 88: Canon H.J. Stuant, former chaplain-in-chief, RAF, 70; Sir Edward Tomkins, dip-lomar, 81; Mr David Wilson-John-son, baritone, 46: Professor Michael Zander, professor of law, 64.

TOMORROW: Ms Lesley Abdela, founder, all-Party 300 Group for women in Politics and Public Life. St. Sir Jeremy Beccham, chairman. Association of Metropolitan Authoritics, 52 Admiral Sir Jeremy Black, 64: Dr S.L. Bragg, aeronautical engineer, 73: Mr Malcolm Bruce, MP, 52: Dr G. Bulmer, former Rector, Liverpool Polytechnic, 76: Lord Craigmyle, 73: Mr Danny DeVito.

actor, 52; Mr John Dobson, tenor, 66; Mr James Dunnachie, MP, 66; Mr David Emanuel, fashion designer. 44: Miss Fenella Fielding, actress, 62: Mr Michael Freeman. orthopaedic surgeon, 65: the Rev Dr Kenneth Greet, former president, Methodist Conference, 78: General Sir Charles Guthric, 58: Mr Jeremy Hanley, MP. 51; Mr P.R.S. Hartmack, comptroller general and chief executive. The Patent Office, 54: Mr Cellis Manuscape. 77: The for-Mr Colin Hayes, painter. 77: Professor Anthony King. Professor of Government. Essex University. 62: Mr J.L. Lowther. Lord-Lieutenant of Northamptonshire, 73: Sir Charles Mackerras, conductor, 71: Professor Rayinder Maini, rheumatologist, 59: Sir Leslie Murphy, former non-executive director, PEL Group, 81; Mr Richard Parham. managing director, Peugeot Motor Company, 52: Lord Polwarth, 80: Professor LH. Rees, former Dean, St. Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College, 54: Mr Jonathan Ross, broadcaster, 36: the Right Rev John Sanerthwaite, furmer Bishop of Gibraltar in Europe, 71; Dr David Saul, Premier of Bermuda, 57; Mr John Wells, writer, actor and direc-tor, 60; Earl of Winchilsea, 60.

Weekend anniversaries

TODAY

BIRTHS: John Bright, anti-Corn Laws campaigner, Rochdale, Lan-cashire, 1811: Paul Hindemith, com-poser, Hanau. Germany. 1895: Sir Oswald Mosley, leader of the British Union of Fascists, London, 1896. DEATHS: King Henry III, reigned 1210-72. London, 1272; Perkin Warbook, pretender to the throne, exe-cuted. London, 1499; James Ferguson, astronomer. London. 176: John Walter, founder of The Times. Teddingum, Middleser. 1812; Tyrone Power, actor, Madrid, 1958; Clark Cable, actor, Madrid, 1958; Clark Gable, actor, Hollywood, 1900: Wil-liam Cosgrave, President of the Executive Council of the Irish Free State 1922-32. Dublin, 1965. Jack Sheppard, highwayman, was executed at Tyburn, London, 1724. The Soviet Union launched Venus III.

an unmanned spacecraft, that successfully landed on Venus, 1965.

BIRTHS: Sieur de la Vérendrye, explorer and fur trader. Trois-Riviexplorer and fur trader. Trois-Rivi-éres. Queboc, 1685; Jean le Rond d'Alembort. mathematician. Paris, 1717: Louis XVIII, King of France 1795-1824. Versailles, 1755; August Mobius, astronomer. Schulpforta, Germany. 1790; Bernard Law Montgomery, 1st Viscount Montgom-ery of Alamein. London, 1837; Rock Hudson, actor, Winnetka, Illinois, 1925.

DEATHS: Queen Mary ! (Mary Tudor), reigned 1553-58, London, 1558; Robert Owen, social reformer, Newtown, Powys, 1858; Auguste Rodin, sculptur, Meudon, France, 1917; Eric Gill, artist, sculptor and typographer, Harefield, Uxbridge, 1940. The first women to graduate in Britain received their Bachelor of Arts degrees from London Uni-versity, 1890.

Air Commodore Sir Frank Whittle, OM

The Queen was represented by Sir George Edwards, OM, FRS, and the Duke of Edinburgh by Professor Sir David Davies, FRS, at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Air Commodore Sir Frank Whitte OM ERS held upsterday. Whittle, OM. FRS, held yesterday

Whittle, OM. FRS, held yesterday in Westminster Abbey.

The Duke of Kent read the second lesson. Prince Michael of Kent was represented by Sir Peter Massefield.

The Dean of Westminster officiated, assisted by the Rev Barry Fenton. Precentor. Lord Kings Norton read the first lesson and Captain E.M. Brown. RN. read Flight by Mr. Britan Young.

Mr. Ian Whittle, son, paid tribute and Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon, Chief of the Air Staff, gave an address.

During the service Sir Frank's medals were borne in procession.

During the service sir Frank's medals were borne in procession from the West End of the Church to the Sacrarium by 1st Officer Kerry Lomas of British Airways and Pilot Officer Adrian Everett of RAF Cranwell.

The Prime Minister was represented by Earl Howe, who also represented the Secretary of State for Defence. The American Ambassador was represented by Colonel

for Defence. The American Amhas-sador was represented by Colonel Frederick E. Bush, Air Attaché. The Chief of the Naval Staff was represented by Rear-Admiral D.J. Wood and the Vice Chief of the Air Staff by Air Chief Marshal Sir John Willis. The Lord-Licutenant of Leicester-shire was represented by Major-General M.E. Carleton-Smith. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of

The Lord-Lieutenant of Leicestershire was represented by Major-General M.E. Carteon-Smith. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Coventry, the Mayor of Lutterworth, the Mayor of Rugby and Mrs Humphries, and the Mayor of Leatingion Spa attended. Among others present were:

Lady Whittle (widow), Mr and Mrs land Whittle (son and daughter-In-law), Mr Isasan Whittle and Miss Lombe Whittle (son and daughter-In-law), Mr Isasan Whittle and Miss Lombe Whittle (son Whittle and Stran Clawelle (stepgrandsons), Mr and Mrs Paul Clawelle (stepgrandsons), Mr and Mrs Paul Clawelle (stepgrandsons), Mr and Mrs Paul Clawelle (stepgrandsons), Mr and Mrs Alargaris Lawrence, Mr Edward Asselly and other members of the family, Marshal of the RAF Lord and Lady Craig of Radiey, Lord Moore of Lower Marsh (director, Rolls-Royce) with Sir Ralph Robbits (chalpran), Mr J V Rose, Mr Charles Blundell and Mr S Miller; Lord Monro of Lower Marsh (director, Rolls-Royce) with Sir Ralph Robbits (chalpran), Mr J V Rose, Mr Charles Blundell and Mr S Miller; Lord Monro of Lower Marsh (director, Rolls-Royce) with Sir Ralph Robbits (chalpran), Mr J V Rose, Mr Charles Blundell and Mr S Miller; Lord Monro of Lower Marsh (director, Rolls-Royce) with Sir Ralph Robbits (chalpran), Mr J V Rose, Mr Charles Blundell and Mr S Miller; Lord Monro of Lower Marsh (director, Rolls-Royce) with Sir Robbits (chalpran), Mr J V Rose, Mr Charles Burness Platt of Writike, Baroness Creathall.

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After the service there was a fly past, in honour of Sir Frank Whittle, by four Tornados from 111 Squadron RAF Leuchars, and two Me

Mr Jim Andrew A memorial service in celebration

of the life of Mr Jim Andrew: Clifton College's cricket pro-fessional for 30 years, was held yesterday in the college chapel.

The Rev Peter Dill, chaptain, officiated and Miss Karen Andrew, daughter, gave an introduction, Mr Richard Holdsworth, Youth Development Officer for Gloucestership County Cricket Club and Secretary of the Old Cliftonian Cricket Club, read the lesson. Mr Harold Jarman, Mr Douglas Henderson, Director of Drama and Master-in-Charge of Cricket at the college, and Mr Don Gooding gave addresses.

Forthcoming. marriages

Sir Brooke Fairbairn and Mrs V. Washbou

The engagement is announced between Sir Brooke Pairbairn. Bt. of Barkway House, Newmarket. and Mrs Victoria Washbourn, of Walnut Tree House Exning, Suffolk.

Mr J.P. Raspin and Miss S.J. Lynas

The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Raspin, of Birstwith, North Yorkshire, and Sarah, elder daughter of Mr John Lynas, of Paddock Wood, Kent, and Mrs Susan Lynas, of High Wycombe

Mr D.M. Selden and Miss J.C. Variey The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs Roger Selden, of Pyrford, Surrey, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Varley, of Woking, Surrey.

Mr S.W. Smith

and Miss H.T. Magnusson The engagement is announced between Stuart, son of Dr and Mrs K. Wayne Smith, of Newton, North Carolina, and Therese, daughter of the late Mr Kjell M. Magnusson and of Mrs Eva B.H. Magnusson, of Gothenburg,

Mr G.R. Weston and Miss G.M. Morgan

The engagement is announced between Grant Robert, son of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Weston, of East Preston, West Sussex, and Gabrielle Margaret, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Morgan, of Haslemere, Survey.

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Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists

The Sternberg Clinical Innovation Award was presented by Sir Signand Sternberg to Margo Sharp and Carole Pound at the College yesterday.

Sixth Sunday before Christmas ST ANDREWS CATHEDRAL, ABERDEEN: 8 HC: 10.15 5 Euch, Herelord Service (Lloyd), Holy is the true light ishephardt, The Provost, 6.30 Choral Es. Tomkins 5th Service, Alleius 1 heard a voice

kesi. AGH CATHEDRAL: 10 HC: 11 5 Euch. Runer O fora closer walk with God (Foster), Canon J n: 3 15 Choral E. Noble in B minor, Save us DRAI- ID HC: II Chotal Communion. Stanford in B fair a F. O Living Bread (Whittock). 3.30 Choral E. Stanford in B fair a F. O Living Bread (Whittock). 3.30 Choral E. Stanford in A. The Lord is my shepherd (Rutter). BIRNAINGHAM CATHEDRAL! 9 Mp. 9.15 HC: I. BIRNAINGHAM CATHEDRAL! 9 Mp. 9.15 HC: I. Choral E. Choral E. Choral E. Choral E. Walmisley in D minor, The Lord hath been mindful (Wesley).

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BRISTOL CATHEDRAL: 7.40 M: 8 HC: 10 Choral Euch. Missa bryts (Isren, O for a closer walk (Startord, Canon A Redferra: 3 30 Choral E. Kelly in C. O how glorious (Harwood), Canon I Simpson. Cantender: 11 S Euch, Mass (Frank Martin). Convenient (Harwood). Cathon Harmon, 11 S Euch, Mass (Frank Martin). Cantender: 12 Euch, Mass (Frank Martin). Cantender: 13 Euch, Mass (Frank Martin). Cantender: 14 Euch, Euch,

Stanford, in C. O for a closer walk with God istanford; a.30 Eventing, Carton J Newcome. CHICLESTER CATNEDRAL: 8 HC. 10 M. Britten, in C. Almighty God who hast me brought (ford). Rev R Robinson. I I S Euch. Messe Solonrelle (Langlais). Tantum ergo (Fauret, Ven D Fleming, Chaplain General in Priones, 3.00 E. Howells in Cartelle, Cartel

DEATHS

Archdeacun of Oxford; II.15 S Euch, Missa Brevis Freiestrians. Sicule cervus (Paucstrians, Canon Jeffery: 6 E & College Frayers, Magdalen Service Lieighton), Praise out Lurd (Byrd).

COVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 7.40 MP: 8 Communion; (II.30 Euch, Missa Brevis (Mozari), Ryrle (Mozari), Euch, Missa Brevis (Mozari), Ryrle (Mozari), Euch, Missa Brevis (Francell), Since by man came death Handle).

Difference of the College of the Colleg Newman, LEICESTER CATREDRAL: 8 HC 10 M: 10.30 Exct. Ineland in C 0 what their joy and their gloy mus be (Harris), ex McCnuosa, 3 sharing the Pain, Pe Jesu (Lloyd Weber), Re M Coursell LICHTELD CATREDRAL: 8 HC 10.30 \$ Exch. Missa Brets (Lichten), Jubilizer in C (Stanberd).

Church services tomorrow

Chichester (Whine, Prayer of St. Francis of Assist (Temple), The Procentor: 11.15 Solicium Requieru. The Subdean: 3.45 E & David Scott Methodrat. Sumsion in G. Thou with keep him in perfect peace (Wesley, The Bishop. 1996). The Bean: 3 Choral E, Canon N Vincent: 4 HC.

LIANDAFF CATHEDRAL: 8 MP & HC. 10.30 Euch. The Dean: 3 Choral E, Canon N Vincent: 4 HC.

LIANDAFF CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M & Litany; 8 Holy Euch. Rev M Tomilinson: 9 Parish Eucii. Sev M Tomilinson: 11 S Euch. Missa Sancti Nicotal (11.15) (C. 130) Choral E. Walmishey in D. minor. Livid thou has been our refuge fisalization Rev H volter: Parish E & Sermon. Mr K Hall.

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8.45 MP. 9 HC (10.30 S Euch. Missa Brevis in Fifthymia, Canon P Denby; 6 E. Walmisley in D minor. Canon P Denby. 6 E. Walmisley in D

Jerusalem (Höweijs).

RIPON CATHEDRAL: 8 Euch, Rev D Mutter: 9.30
Parish Euch, Sumston in F. Paris angelicus
Francio, Ven J Oliver: 11.30 M, Darle in F.
Remember not Lord our offeness Purcellis: 12.30
Euch, Canon H Garsider 5.30 E. Stanford in F. For
Io, I raise up (Stanford), Rev D Mutter.

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 MC 945 M.
Stanford in C. Then knowest Lord (Purcelli: 10.30

S Euch. Organ Solo Mass (Mozarti, Ave verum Mozarti, Ven G Kuhrt; 3,15 E, Kelly in C. Te Deum (Haydni, 6-30 Confirmation Service. SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAI: 8 HC; 10 MP, 10.30 S Euch. Schubert in G. Here C my Lonf (Whilochi, Mry J Zunde; 3 Order of St John, The Bishop; 6-30 E & Serrons, Element in G. Guilla Learn, The Sishop; 6-30 E Sermon. Fleming in G. Ave Maria (Raure) Ven M Paton.

TRURO CATHEDRAL: 8 HC. 9 M; 10 5 Such. Convention Mass (Muzant). The Ubrarian: 6 E Glouceste Service (Eleweits). Lord let me tonow mine one Greenes. Canon M Growt et all those mine one Greenes. Canon M Growt et all those in Seazer. 9:17 Parish Commander. Lond store in Seazer. 9:17 Parish Commander. 10:18 Parish Scholars. 10:18 Parish Pa Rev A Balley.

57 ASAPP (ATHEDRAL Cleye: 8 HC 11 Choral Each. Stanford in B list. Justicum Adimae (Stanford). Canon in Residence; 330 Choral E. Insurae et Vanar Curae (Haydn).

57 DAVIDS CATREDRAL 8 HC 9-30 Cymufi Bendigald, Y Canoni 9-30 Parish Back. The Minor

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8.12.30 HC: 9.30 Parish Such, Fr M Poller, 11.15 Chard M. Pr Gell: 6.30 E. Fr Gell. CHITTE IN. IN CHILL 6.30 E. FT GEIL.

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Overschen, 5 Taize. ST PAUL'S, Witton Place, SW1: 8.9 HC. 11 Soles (Euch, Missa Brevis (Walton), I was glad (Parry). ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, 5W1: 8.15 MC; 10 Family Encir; 11 3 Euch, Mass for High Voices (Shaw), O salutaris hostia (Rossini), Fr D Tillyer. STORY, O SERVICES DISTRE (KINSTILL), FO D'ILIJOS. CRAPEL ROYAL OF ST PETER AD VINCILA. HA Tower of Landon: 9, 15 HC, Rev P Abram: 11 M & Sermon, Jubilette (Salthell), O God thou are my God (Poincel), Nev P Abram. CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: 8.30 HC: 11.15 MP; O how glodous (Harwood). Rev J ST JAMESTS. Genficklythe. ECA: 10.30 S Each 1166C2, R Stemlock.

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BOURNE - On 9th November, at St George's Rospital, London, to Gita Sharms) and Inn, a son, Joshua James, a brother for Natasha. CORDEAUX - On November 5th, to Mary (not jelf) and James, a daughter, Grace.

HILLIPS - On 12th November, to Anna (née Lowe) and Andrew, a son, James Frederic Coventon. TSITSIS - On November 8th at The Portland Hospital, to Jackie (nee Townsma) and Mener, a besurful daughter, a sister for Gregory.

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BIRTHS

ARRIEY - The Reverend Canon peacefully in St Catherine's Respice, Scarborough, es November 14th, Bertram Louis aged 83 years. Beloved Norpice, Scanborough, or November 14th, Bertram Louis aged 83 years. Beloved husband of the late Helen, dearest father of Andrew and Richard and a dear father-inlaw and geométather. Punezal Service at St Columba Church, Scanborough, on Tuesday 19th November at 12 noom prior to cremation. Dearetons in lieu of Liowers if dealred to St Catherine's Hospice. Plate provided at the tervice or clo il. Bernard & Sons, 1/5 Prospect Road.

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Frederick B. Stockhues, Dr.
Hon. Fellow SEH Oxford,
Member of the Chancellors
Court Oxford on November
2nd 1996. We all shall
honour him in beeping him
in good memory. According
to his wish and last will be
will be buried in the most
intimate way. Persons
wishing to make a domation
may send it to the British
Red Cross. Further to this
announcement no obstray;
notice will be posted.
RoyMATER-On 11th November
1996 aged 73 Annotes Grace
(Anne), draughter of the late
john S. and Annette Grace
(Anne), draughter of the late
john S. and Annette Bywatec,
much loved sister of
Christopher, peacefully
while on holiday in Spain.
Will be saily nuissed by har
family and all who knew her.
Cremation private. A
celebration of her life is to
be held at a later date in East
Grinstead.
COOPER - Kathleen (Kitty)
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Church of Our Lady of Pity,
Hazelwell Road, Putney,
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GRAHAM - J.G. David of
Chelsea, Solicitor of the
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be held at a later date in East Grinsteed.
COOPER - Kathleen (Kitty) died peacestelly at Kitsilize House, Berkhamsted, on November 14th aged 94. Widow of Andreas Pricational and Pallip Cooper. Dearly loved mother of Barbara Evans and Shella Cogili (deceased). Grandmosther of Mark and Barbara Anne and great granny of Tom and Archie. Remembered with love and affection by her family and friends. Fumeral Service at Chilterns Crematorium, Ameraham, on Thursday November 21st at 12 noon. No flowers, but donations if desired towards Camparing to George Allen, 21 Covyer Road, Berkhamsted, Herta. Enquiries to 1. Worley (Funeral Directors) Ltd., 07442 870326.

Castleden) on 14th November, and 77, Adored wife of Jonathan, fabricon mother of Barry, Geoffery, Dickie and Didt, and doting grammy. Private crematica. Service of Thunkesjeing on Thursday, 21st November at St Giles' Church, Ickenham at 12 mon. No Howent, but donations, if desired, to The Imperial Cancer Research Fund, 61 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 37%.

HEWITT - Mildred Catherine died on 4th November aged 88. Service at Salisbury Crematorium on 19th November. Enquiries to Merefield & Henstridge, (01747) 883532.

REATING - Thomas Forster aged 86 on 14th November peacefully at home. Beloved heabend of Joan, Jather of Frankle and Hilly and much loved grandfather. No flowers please. Dometions if desired to Corwold Care Hospica, Minchinhampton, Gonosteshire. perceivily on November 13th 1996 aged 93. Much loved nunt of David and Mary, Service at Guijdford Cressytorium on Wednesday November 20th at 6

LEE - Daisy May, retired DHMLIPS - The Rev. Cyril plantic Nurse and Midwife, peacefully in Seaford on 11th November 1996, aged 84 Mych loved aunt of Anthony, Pattick and Terry, great-aunt of Berni, Cath. Emma, Gaba, Greg, Marces, Catherine, Christopher, Becky, Matthew and Edward. Bequiem Mass at St Thomas More Catholic Church, Seaford, on Friday 29th November 1996 at 1215 pm. Flowers via Cooper & Sun Funeral Directors, 19 Cintum Place, Seaford, East Sussex BN25 1NP, tel: (01323) 492666.

MTCHELL - Robert OBE, MA, on November 12th 1996 aged 82. Naturalist, Swimmer, Businessman, Public Servet Brothand of Swimmer, Rusinessman, Pohlic Servant. Husband of Romale, father of Simon, Robert and Hugh. Thanksgiving and Memorial Service at St Marry Church, High Road, Chigwell, Essex at 3.30 pln on Friday November 22nd. Family Howers only. Denstions if desired to British Heart Foundation.

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MARRI - Nom died peacefully after a short illness on Hovember 13th 1996 at Epsom Hospital. Dearly leved by David and Jane, transmost granule to Holly and Melody, Her personality and sense of homour will always be remembered. Funeral Sarvice at St James Church, Abinger Common, Dording, on November 20th at 2 pm. Flowers or donations on behalf of Epsom Hospital welcount. Enquiries to Sherlock & Sons, Trellis House, Dording RH 22S, (01206) 882266

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Beecher Moore yachtsman and yacht designer, died in London on November II aged 90. He was born in Rochester, New York, on September 10, 1906.

n American who was much involved with British yacht and dinghy design, Beecher Moore is credited with inventing the dinghy trapeze and the cockpit self-bailer, now used universally on fast tracing craft worldwide. He backed and inspired the late British dinghy designer Jack Holt to develop more than 50 sailing classes. Moore eventually made

England his home after a childhood spent commuting to and fro across the Atlantic with his father who had business interests in London and New York However, he will be best remembered for his quiet influence behind the scenes in encouraging Holt to design the first plywood do it-yourself kit dinghies like the Enterprise, GPI4, Cadet, Hornet and Solo in the 1950s. He also, through his work on committees, helped to develop an interest in sailing speed records and encouraged women to take up the sport internationally.

He lived on both sides of the

Atlantic from the age of one, until he entered Harvard to read geology. "I thought that business was a dirty word, and the idea of selling things for more than they cost, quite immoral. I wanted to do something that was ecologically beneficial," he recalled recently. However, he flunked his first year, and his father. suggested that he would do better joining him in the family business. The carrot was two six-month stints in Paris and Berlin to develop a European market for the Moore's Modern Methods card index accountancy package that became the mainstay of the family fortune.

Moore, whose - stubborn streak was one of his great strengths, spurned the offer, and with parental backing withdrawn, went back to the States to continue his studies which he funded by working as a wanter at night. The protest lasted six months belong he returned to London rms into the business.

BEECHER MOORE

The offer to work in Europe was not repeated, but there were other compensations. Moore's father believed that people had warm beds but uncomiortable homes and that if he got them into work on time they would stay all day. The two of them would start very early each morning to set an example, but finish at lunchtime which allowed Beecher to devote the afternoons to sailing. His first boat was a 12ft

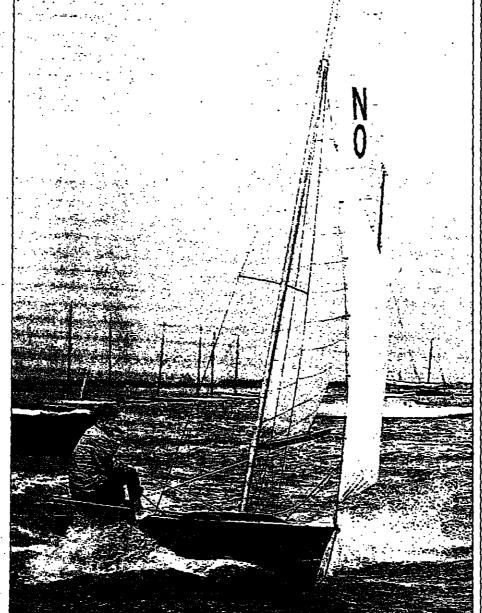
International Dinghy, then an Olympic class, which his father gave him as a reward for passing the common entrance exam.

On his return to London after Harvard, he bought the Thames Rater Vagabond for £35. She was already 20 years old but had never won a race. Moore took great delight into transforming her into a win-ner. He did so by extending her mast by nine feet and having his crew balance the extra press of sail by swinging themselves out on the end of "bell ropes" attached to the top

The invention did not win universal approval, especially from his crew who sometimes fell in. But when Peter Scott and his crewman John Winter stood in for them one day, the two of them were so impressed that they imported the idea to their International 14 Thunder and Lightning, and promptly won the Prince of Wales Cup of 1934. The trapeze, as it became known, was then banned and did not reappear until the 1950s.

In 1934, Beecher was one of 2.500 budding amateurs to apply to sail aboard Sir Thomas Sopwith's America's Cup Challenger Endeavour after the aviation king's profession-al crew had refused to race when demands for a pay rise had been declined. Sopwith was impressed by Beecher's idea that each of the 25-strong crew should wear numbers on their backs to help to identify

Moore was equally impressed with Endeavour's speed, which he believed was faster than the American defender, but he was not impresseed by the way the British yacht was run. "It was much like a well run country house where gentlemen owners, instead of not going into the kinchen, never went for-



Jack Holt and Beecher Moore sailing the prototype Hornet dinghy with its trapeze

The British crew spent much of their time cleaning and preparing their boat before Sopwith arrived on board, and the sailing was treated as the relaxing part of the day. The Americans on the other hand had a second shore crew to prepare their boat and a much greater knowledge of which sails to set in any given wind condition. Thus, not surprisingly, the American yacht, Ranger, won the series

Beecher so enjoyed the experience that on his return, he commissioned a silver replica ward of the mast," he recalled. of Endeavour and donated it three times, the 12ft National

to the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club at Burnham-on-Crouch for a series that is still raced each year to determine the champion of champions among all the dinghy racing classes sailed in Britain.

Moore became a champion helmsman and was offered a place in the British team at the 1936 Olympics but was not prepared to relinquish his American nationality to take it up. He won the Prince of Wales Cup as a crew member and was the Hornet world champion on four occasions. He also won the Queen's Cup.

Championship, twice, and the Burton Cup and Merlin Rocket Championship once. Moore later became vicepresident of the Amateur

Yacht Research Society and was president of the High Speed Sailing Committee, which was founded to admin ister sailing records. Moore's first wife Barbara died in 1971. He is survived by

his second wife, Naona, by a stepson and two stepdaughters and by the son of his first marriage, who now runs Jack Holt, the firm he founded with the famous dinghy designer in

GWEN CATLEY

Gwen Catley, coloratura soprano, died in Hove on November 12 aged 90. She was born in London on February 9, 1906.

GILDA, the hapless daughter of the jester Rigoletto in Verdi's opera, was the role Gwen Catley's considerable fan club most wanted to hear her sing on stage. During the 1940s and 1950s she performed it several hundred times, mainly with the Carl Rosa company as it toured the length and breadth of Britain. Her wider audience, who knew her through concerts, revue and most especially her many BBC broadcasts, often had to be content with Gilda's Act II atia Caro nome.

Both the part and the song suited her light, pure coloratura voice perfectly. The impresario Jack Hylton heard her perform it and, immediately recognising its popular appeal, in 1943 put her in a largescale revue, Hi-de-Hi, in the West End. In those days it was quite normal for singers, such as Dennis Noble and Webster Booth, to move between opera and variety. Gwen Catley joined their number but before doing so declined to appear in front of the normal backdrop and insisted that an appropriare set be built for her Gilda spot. She also had the theatre orchestra augmented to provide the right "operatic" sound. The show ran for well over a year.

Gwendolen Florence Catley was tiny, standing only a shade over 5h tall, and had the blonde hair and blue eyes of the natural soubrette. But she knew precisely what she wanted and was not just a pretty face and a pretty voice. She had impressive musicianship and she was much helped by her husband. Allen Ford, who was a cellist with the BBC when they married in 1936. He continued to play, but soon realised that his wife was going to be the star in the family and gave her all

support. Despite her fame she appeared neither at Covent Garden nor at Glyndebourne. After her initial success as the Oueen of the Night in The Magic Flute with the Sadler's Wells company in 1937 she was immediately given the chance to repeat the role at the Garden. This she refused. believing, probably correctly,

DONALD KENYON

reach the upper reaches of the house. At Glyndebourne there was

a different obstacle. The Viennese soprano, Irene Eisinger. who also moved between opera and revue, had established a corner in the Mozart roles Catley might have sung --Susanna, Blonde, Despina. Jani Strasser of the music staff offered her no more than singing lessons. She was not impressed and went back to London, where the money

It was also the city where she was born and where she grew up. She studied at the



Guildhall School of Music and carried off its gold medal. Catley had a period with the BBC Singers, where she met her future husband, before going to Sadler's Wells to sing the Queen of the Night and Nannetta in Falstaff. Both parts were well chosen for her. She was fearless in the top notes of the Mozart and had the charm for Verdi's ingénue. Nannetta's short Act III aria remained a recital favourite with her. The outbreak of war proba-

bly stopped Gwen Catley wid-

ening her repertory as much as she would have done in different circumstances. There was little opera and she found herself appearing in concert parties and entertaining the troops. It probably also accounted for the fact that she almost always sang in English. During the hostilities it was considered unpatriotic to perform in any other language, although in private she readily delivered Schubert and Strauss songs in the original. There was, though, the chance to play in a couple

would not be big enough to Baxter. One was Theatre Roval. co-scripted by Bud Flanagan and starring himself and his regular Crazy Gang part-

ner, Chesney Allen. Gwen Catley had to put up with quite a lot during this period, but sometimes she drew the line. During one of the many Stage Door Canteen shows she was lumbered with an incompetent planist who kept on playing in the wrong key. She drew herself up to her full 5ft and publicly asked him to leave the stage, before sitting down at the piano to accompany herself.

Otherwise she was the most amenable of performers. She was quite happy in the late 1940s to have a spot in the popular radio series Much-Binding-in-the-Marsh with Richard Murdoch and Kenneth Horne. There was a running joke about a performance of the quartet from Rigoletto - what else? When it came to the great moment Home and Murdoch managed about a note each, but there was a back-up trio of professional singers in the studio to support Catley. By 1954 she was celebrating her 600th broadcast. She was also making a quantity of 78s for EMI, specialising in the French coloratura repertory.

One of Catley's teachers at the Guildhall, Julian Kimball, had forecast that her career would last about twenty years. He was right. She left the Carl Rosa in 1957 and thereafter had a successful career in teaching, which her outgoing personality suited. She specialised in helping singers with temporary vocal problems. Go along to Gwen, she'll sort you out," was one of the adages in the profession. At the same time she gave singing lessons to actors who were required to warble a bit in their latest part.

In common with some other sopranos she was secretive about her age and derived some pleasure from a radio programme celebrating her 85th birthday when she was well past that date. Her legacy remains. Earlier this month a CD was released on the Dutton label called Stars of English Opera and there is Catley singing the Queen of the Night and, even better. being a willing Zerlina to Dennis Noble's Don Giovanni in La ci darem - or rather. Give me thy hand.

Her husband survives her

RODERICK WALTER

Roderick Walter, barrister and businessman, died on October 16 aged 85. He was born on February 25. 1911.

RODDY WALTER was the second and only surviving son of John Walter V. the last of his line to be co-chief proprietor of The Times. Since the paper's founding by John Walter I in 1785, it had owed its growth and pre-eminence very largely to successive generations of the Walter family and, although in 1908 Lord Northcliffe had obtained a dominant interest, on his death in 1922 his shares had been bought back by Roddy Walter's father in a minority partnership with the Hever branch of the Astor family.

However, the eventual loss the Walter family conneccoupled with his father's foolish penchant for outlandish schemes - he had invested substantially in Droitwich Spa, for instance, he alone envisaging this Midlands backwater as an English Aixles-Bains - left Roddy without a definite aim in life and, at best, a quizzical view of business affairs.

War disrupted what might otherwise have proved a fulfilling career at the Bar and it was only some years later that he was able to establish himself as a legal adviser to the engineering conglomerate of John Brown. There he was charged with drafting and amending multimillion pound contracts in the engineering, oil, chemical and construction industries. Yet the complexities and complications of modern business life and commercial practice often left him bemused: and it is as a man of charm, warmth and genuine

Educated at Eton and Corpus Christi College, Cam-bridge, Roderick Walter spent

affection that he will be chiefly

remembered.

the Second World War as one of the early members of the SAS. He was one of the first, apart from the Long Range Desert Patrol, to operate behind enemy lines.

At one point he was arrested by a detachment of Americans who apparently had no knowledge of SAS operations and. suspecting him of treachery, were on the verge of dispatching him against the nearest wall. Fortunately, General Patton himself heard of Walter's predicament and inter-



vened on his behalf in the nick When the war was over,

Walter was appointed to the British Embassy in Madrid as press attaché. He had always loved Spain, ever since as an eight-year-old boy he had been sent by his father (who had also served in the Madrid Embassy) to stay with the Times correspondent there, but, perhaps misguidedly, he decided to leave to accept an offer to work as a legal adviser first to Karl Landeger and then to Stavros Niarchos. Neither proved a happy assign-ment and Walter found himself strongly out of sympathy with the labyrinthine mannenivies with which both men sought to attain their

ends. It was with no regret that he left this phase of his life to take up a position with the John Brown company, where his overseas knowlege and his mastery of Spanish, French and German proved invaluable. He was also an adroit cartoonist and his notepad at meetings would always be

doodled with witty drawings. Roddy Walter was married three times, first to Amicie de Burgh-White, second to Xandra, now Lady de Trafford, and lastly to Deborah, formerly the wife of Patrick de Laszlo and daughter of the 1st Viscount Greenwood. She died in 1980. He is survived by the two daughters of his second marriage.

Donald Kenyon, MBE, cricketer, died on November 12 aged 72. He was born on May 15, 1924.

FOR some years after the Second World War there was no better place for the cricket lover to be, especially the connoisseur of fine batsmanship, than on the Worcester ground with the sun shining and Don Kenyon in full cry. He was one of the most majestic stroke-makers of those days, though this is not reflected in his modest Test record.

The Kenyon cover drive left nothing to be desired, and the

was into his twenties before he got into the Worcestershire side, and he wasted no time in establishing his credentials. In only his fourth home match he scored 152 not out against Warwickshire, and Wisden was soon describing his play as "dashing". Sturdily built and with a healthy

confidence in his obvious nat-

sound of his hooking had a booming ring to it. In a career that spanned 21 years, from 1946 to 1967, he scored 1,000 runs in a season 19 times, passing 2.000 on seven of them. In 1961 he helped to end Worcestershire's years of waiting by leading them to their first county championship title, and the 33,940 runs he made for them still constitute a record for the county. With war breaking out when he was only 15, Kenyon

ural talent, he came to be recognised, together with Dodds of Essex. Emmett of Gloucestershire and Gimblett of Somerset, as one of the most entertainingly forceful opening batsmen in the country. They all gave the bowlers a

chance, but a lot of trouble too.

It was fairly certain that Kenyon would eventually play for England, and this he did in three different series. He had three Tests against India in India in the winter of 1951-52, two against Australia as Hutton's opening partner in 1953 and three against South Africa as Graveney's

in 1955.

But in only one of his 15 innings for England, in the first Test match at Trent Bridge in 1955, did he do himself justice. his 87 being the highest score in a match which England won by an innings. With Australia's bowling being opened at the time by Lindwall and Miller and South Africa's by Heine and Adcock, no one played against them without being severely tested. That was Ken-yon's lot; but his failure to bridge the gap from county to Test cricket may have had more to do with temperament than technique.

He made up for it, though. by what he did for Worcestershire. Having arrived when it was customary for an amateur to have charge, he became county captain as a professional in 1959, three years before the distinction between amateurs and professionals was annulled.

His style of captaincy was quietly effective; he had, in Flavell and Coldwell, one of the best opening attacks in the country, and from 1961 onwards a brilliant county batsman in Tom Graveney. They were haloyon days for Worcestershire, with the captain himself leading many a successful

run chase. From 1965 until 1972 Kenyon was an England selector, and the presidency of Worcestershire came his way in 1986. by which time he had been appointed MBE for his services to cricket. All told, he scored 37,002 first-class runs. which puts him 27th in the alltime list, and he made 74 hundreds.

He collapsed and died on the county ground at Worcester where he was about to show his own film of Worcestershire's world tour of 1964. His wife Jean and their two daughters survive him.

Latest wills

Sir Peter James Frederick Green, of Sunon, Ipswich, chairman of Janson Green Holdings 1986-89, chairman of Lloyds 1980-83, Jeft estate valued at £2,509,780 net.

Alfred John Farre Douiton, of Salcombe, South Devon, housemaster of Dulwich College, head of statistical team and comparoller, Independent Schools Information Service 1974-80, left estate valued at £641,887 net.

Sir Richard Guy Carne Rasch, of Lower Woodlord, Salisbury, Wiltshire, member of HM Body Guard Honourable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms (1968-88), left estate valued al £3,469,745 net.

Sir Alan Lewis, of Badingham, Woodbridge, Sulfolk, left estate valued at £2:58511 net.

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Hugh Donnan, of Illdey, West Yorkshire, left estate valued at coop, 158 met.

George Frederick Dyson, of Huby, Leeds, West Yorkshire, left estate valued at £1,077,602 net. Cidion to Huby Methodist Surah Ann Deary Coleman, of

Newcastle upon Tyne, left estate valued at £2,325,422. She left ESD,000 to Newcastle University for awards to engineering students. Walter Hugh Jaques, farmer, of Gunness, North Lincolnshire, left estate valued at El,110,532 net.

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Donald Moore Pilkington, of Bredwardine, Hereford and Worcester, left estate valued at He left £2,000 to the Parkinson's Olsease Society.

Francis Edward West Barnes, of Maybury. Woking, Surrey, left estate valued at £1,048,541 net. Hilda High, of Hadley Wood.

Barnet, Hertfordshire, left estate valued at £4,097,635 net. Lilian Grace Henson, of Gerrards

Cross, Buckinghamshire, left estate valued at £1,383,761 net. She left her residuary estate to the Austrian Bible Mission and the Scripture Gift Mission. Geoffrey Cranston Chignall.

of Sarratt. Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire, left estate valued at El.640.954 net. Jeremy Chrisupher Dart, of Maidencombe, Torquay, left estate valued at £410,748 net.

Arthur Francis Patrick McCallagh, of Wool, Wareham, Dorset, left estate valued at £1.295,399 nec.

the left \$20,000 to the Parish Council at wood with Jurnher Innancial provision from his remaining estate to be divided equally between the Marie Curle Memorial Foundation, the British Heart Foundation, Help the Aged and the British Heart Spink Hospital for Animals. John Robert Stephen Carson, of London NW3, left estate valued at £2,728.766 net.

Weisberg, £25,000 and his andy Warhol painting of Marityn Monroe to his friends. Brian and Modeline Coles, £25,000 to his secretary Linda Collins and £200,000 to a charitable institution choses by his executor Stephen

Nita King, of London NW8 left estate valued at £2,679,080 net. Samuel Alexander Riding, of Aughton, Ormskirk, Lancashire. left estate valued at £1.017,315 net. He left £5,000 to \$1 Michael's Church. Aughlor; £1,000 to the RSPB.

Margaret Grace Yates, Hornsea, East Yorkshire, left estate valued at £1,290,562 net. the valued of Fig. Public field.

She left ISBO each to the National Trust, Hull and East Riding Institute for the Blind, Guide Dogs for the Blind, RNLL Horssea Parachial Church Council, Martin House Hospite for Terminally III Children. Wetherby, Yorkshire Cancer Research Campaign and the North Humberside Hospite Project.

Daphne Drummond, of Hale Barns, Altrincham, Cheshire, left estate valued at £1,524,820 net. She left £3,000 to Hale Golf Club.

Ronald Denis Lea, of Leicester, left estate valued at £1,289,091 net. He left £5,000 each to the Royal Lelesstershire. Rutland and Wycliffe Society for the filled. Letessier County Mission for the Deaf. Imperial Cancer Research Fund. RETTREMENT OF GARIBALDI

NAPLES, NOV. 9.

Finis. The day before yesterday King Victor Emmanuel made his triumphal entry into Naples in the company of Garibaldi. Yesterday Garibaldi presented to him the result of the plebiscite, and resigned the Dictatorship. This morning, at dawn, Garibaldi embarked, with his immediate Staff, on board the Washington for the island of Caprera. Thus ends one of the last and most remarkable phases of the struggle for Italian union and independence, and the man who has filled the world with his name for the last six months returns to eat the potatoes which he had sown before setting out to conquer the kingdom of the Two Sicilies. Although it was his own will that it should be so, and although he parted on the most friendly terms with the King, no one who has looked on from afar at the events which raised the Italian hero to his exalted

position can help being impressed by

ON THIS DAY November 16, 1860

Attempts were made to incorporate Garibaldi's men into the national army, but many of them wanted only to get home

such a solution. Even it long decided upon, often discussed, and plainly foreseen the whole grandeur of such an event can only be fully felt when it occurs. No king or emperor wielded such unlimited and almost superhuman power as Garibaldi had during the last halfyear. It was the power of love, gratitude. and devotion, the strongest which man can wield over his fellow-creatures. However the arts of politicians tried to destroy this, it increased every day instead of diminishing, and Garibaldi

people than when he came. Master of half of italy, he with one stroke of the pen surrendered this mastery to make Victor Emmanuel King of Italy. After the ceremony of the surrender of the Dictatorship, Garibaldi withdrew with the King, and the King made another attempt to keep him. He proposed that he should have full powers to reorganize his army in South Italy. Garibaldi thought he could not use these full powers while the civil authorities would be there to control him at every step; besides which he was anxious to keep his freedom of action, which alone made it possible for him to do what he has done. Giuseppe Garibaldi could do many things which a Marshal Garibaldi could not do. This morning Garibaldi embarked. Although it was before daybreak, and everything had been done to avoid demonstrations, numbers of people were there to see him depart. He was more moved than I, perhaps. ever saw him, when he took leave of his friends.

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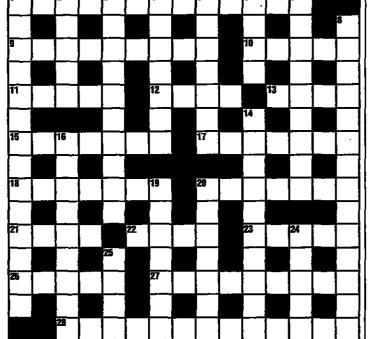
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erage at first but becoming colder. London, S E England, E Anglia: surny spells developing: perhaps patchy rain later. Wind light northeasterly, becoming moderate southwesterly. Max 10C (50F).

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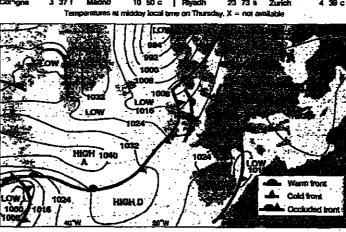
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Walter Hasselkus, chief executive of Rover, left, with Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, after BMW's announcement yesterday

BMW protects 6,500 jobs with £400m Rover plant

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

6.500 jobs in the car industry, after last-minute cash incentives from the

Government. The deal, which will be the first to produce BMW engines outside Germany, has hung in the balance for several months while the German company and Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, haggled over the sweeteners available. Mr Lang said yesterday that the offer of "a little more money" had beaten opposition from Austria, which had offered a £60 million package of assis-

night after what Mr Lang termed "hard-headed" discussions. No new jobs are expected to come out of the new plant.

The Government is refusing to detail the full extent of assistance at present, although £22.5 million has been given by the regional selective assistance scheme and £20 million by English Partnerships, the development agency. Further cash aid will come on top of that for training.

plete package was below that offered by Austria. In a clear.

BMW is to build a £400 tance. Britain's offer is swipe at the 48-hour European million Rover engine plant in thought to have topped E50 working time directive, he

Mr Lang said that the com-

said that the choice of Britain flexible workforce and "light burdens on business". However, Rover works a 37-hour week and BMW is unlikely to have been swayed by Britain's support for high working-time flexibility. What will have driven its decision is the lower wage bill in Britain, general lower costs than Austria and

by the Government. Rover says that 1,500 jobs are directly protected by the new plant. These are jobs at Rover's Longbridge engine plant, Beyond that, 5,000 are

financial inducements offered

forecast to be secured in the automotive supply industry from the new plant. Longfrom engine production to vehicle assembly, while Rover denies any intention to scale down the plant. The new engine manufactur-

er will be at Hams Hall in north Warwickshire. Construction will start soon on the greenfield site, with production expected to begin at the end of the century. Its full capacity will be 500,000 engines a year. Longbridge currently makes 290,000 engines annually.

Walter Hasselkus, Rover chief executive, said the company would balance producwas unable to offer the prospect of any new jobs from the view the development as a signal of BMW's commitment Rover. Dr Hasselkus, said the new plant reinforced BMW's European strategy. He said that the company could have gained a much

pean Union. The Government believes the cash inducements offered to BMW are unlikely to be queried by Brussels, although its award comes amid a trend of escalating payments by governments to attract inward

higher grant outside the Euro-

Four for trial over \$1m money "wash"

By ROBERT MILLER

FOUR MEN were charged yesterday with money-laun-dering offences that involved using London to "wash" al-most \$1 million from the proceeds of a US bank fraud before transferring the

'dean" funds to Austria. The City of London Police's Financial Investigation Unit (FIU), established in May to counter money-laundering in the Square Mile, said that the charges were a first for the

new unit It is understood that the investigation, headed by Detective Chief Inspector Tony Thomas, was initiated when a UK bank tipped off the authorities. Under special disclosure rules, banks, building societies and investment houses have a duty to report to the authorities any suspi-

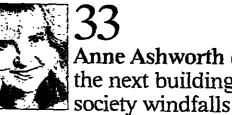
cious transactions. The four are Leslie Goodwin, 47 and unemployed, Lostwithiel, Cornwall: Jason Radak, 48, from Richmond upon Thames. Surrey; John Butler-Rees, 47, an acc ountant from Knightsbridge, central London; and Anthony Adjei, 45. a financial adviser from north London.

The charges relate to the movement of nearly \$500,000 to a Lunde Greenwich branch of Midland Bank in the name of JBR Asset Management, allegedly under the control of Mr Butler-Rees. A further \$300,000 was moved from London into an account at the Bank of Austria in Vienna in the name of Refina Kredit Gas. A further charge concerns a conspiracy to defraud NatWest Bank contrary to

The Austrian police and the FBI continue to liaise with the City of London Police in the ongoing investigation.

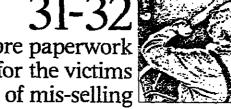
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German warning | Railtrack soothes on currency goal

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

GERMANY still has not done enough to hit the Maastricht treaty's deficit limit and so qualify for the single European currency, the country's Council of Economic Advisers

The council's "five wise men" forecast that the total public sector deficit would be DM122.5 billion, or 3.3 per cent of gross domestic prod-uct, in 1997, the test year. The Maastricht limit is 3 per cent. The council welcomed this

week's agreement of a further DM3 billion in spending cuts. but one of its members said that Germany would have to find further cuts of up to DM12 billion.

Theo Waigel, Germany's Finance Minister, yesterday rejected the council's warnings, saying that Germany

would meet the 3 per cent limit with an ample margin of safety". But Ofmar Issing, the Bundesbank's chief economist, said that the wise men's report was a warning that Germany would have to work hard to achieve the deficit target. He said it would be a

ciose call. The council said it could not rule out a delay to the start of monetary union, currently scheduled for January I, 1999. However, it added that any delay would not mean the collapse of the whole project. American industrial output dropped 0.5 per cent in October, partly because of strikes in car manufacturing plants in Canada and the US during the month. This was the first fall in industrial production for seven months.

TWO regional electricity com-

panies currently in takeover

negotiations look set to be-come embroiled in the latest

row over multi-million pay-offs for boardroom "fat cats".

At East Midlands Electricity,

which agreed an offer by

Dominion Resources of America this week, directors could

net up to half a million pounds

each if they leave the board.

Norman Askew, chief execu-

tive, is earning more than

£200,000 a year on a two-year

rolling contract. East Mid-

lands' directors also stand to

gain from their share options,

which will grow 25 per cent in

investor qualms

By Jonathan Prynn, transport correspondent

RAILTRACK sought to reassure its 370,000 private shareholders yesterday that their investment is not under threat from an incoming Labour government. John Edmonds, chief execu-

tive, said the board's contacts with Andrew Smith, the Shadow Transport Secretary, suggested they shared a common vision of the future. 'Our policy objective to carry more passengers and freight exactly corresponds with theirs," Mr Edmonds said. "We don't want to revisit the stale old arguments about privatisation, we want people to judge us on what we have achieved in the private sector." Labour's formal position is

the City or the rail industry

believe this commitment will Railtrack announced its first interim results as a private company yesterday, the part-ly-paid shares rose 372p, to a high of 32212 p. against an issue price in May of 200p, or 190p for small investors. Pre-tax profits for the six

to £173 million from £98 million. The underlying, likefor-like increase was a 23 per cent rise to £173 million.
Profits from property sales
were £23 million, and there was a £4 million gain from payments under the railway

months to September 30, rose

performance regime. Turnover rose to £1.2 billion (£1.14 billion). The interim payout is that it will take a controlling 7.3p (6.8p) a share. stake in Railtrack but few in

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Power bids to fan 'fat cats' row



By OLIVER AUGUST

value if the takeover is not held up by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. At Northern Electric, cur-

rently the subject of a hostile bid by America's CE Electric. compensation payments could be even higher. The likely dismissal of the board in the case of a successful hostile offer would trigger payoffs well in excess of one million pounds. David Morris, the chairman, can expect a E600,000 send-off, plus share options worth £800,000.

Labour, proposing a wind-

fall tax on utilities, has linked

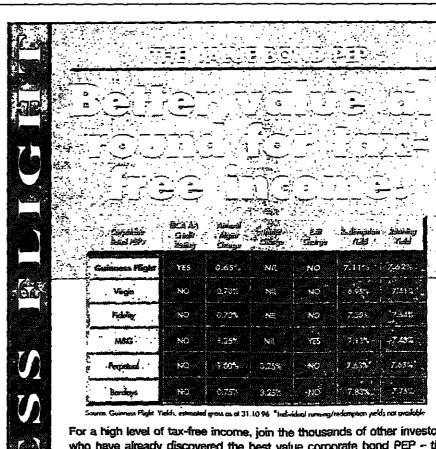
public frustration with the power companies. John Battle, Shadow Energy Minister,

of the utilities make large benefits, while the customers are an afterthought." But Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, said the controversy over payments would have no bearing on his decision over the two pending bids. He said: "Mergers and takenvers are separately considered. Adjustments to boards

said: "People are absolutely

exasperated. Those at the top

are matters for the boards." Executive Voice, page 28



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Windfall tax inconsistent with stakeholder society

omeone once said: "I believe we should all pay our tax bill they wanted cash!" I suspect that Labour's planned windfall tax will cost all utilities a great deal more than a smile. What is not clear. however, is how much it will cost or whom it will affect.

Tony Blair and the Labour Party have articulated their vision of a stakeholder society", where British industry rewards shareholders, employees and customers. We at Yorkshire Electricity have repeatedly and publicly supported this concept, and believe that we have a collective responsibility towards a fourth category of stakeholder — the inhabitants of our region.

However, as directors of a publicly quoted company, our primary duty is to our shareholders - and in Yorkshire Electricity's case more than 100,000 of our shareholders are customers, while the great majority of our employees (at all levels) are also shareholders. For this reason, we are obliged to question the ethics and mechanics of a tax that would impact adverse-

on so many of our stakeholders. Next Thursday's House of Com-mons debate on the windfall tax will throw the spotlight, once again, on to the non-specific nature of Labour's plans. The Government, no doubt, will wish to appeal to the eight million individual shareholders of the companies that Labour has so far targeted.

Perhaps we should rename it the "stakeholder tax", or the "nest-egg tax", or even the "pensioner's tax" — a tax that will attack their investments inevitably harms

them.
The truth is that since privati-

sation all of the regional electricity companies (Recs) have improved standards; significantly reduced costs in real terms; rewarded shareholders; and improved employee pay and working condi-

At Yorkshire Electricity, we now offer the UK's lowest domestic prices; have one of the best efficiency records in the sector; have dramatically reduced disconnections and complaints; and were the first Rec to introduce freephone customer help lines. This is a clear illustration of how we are rewarding our stakeholders.

Yet, in the absence of clarification, we are being forced to operate in a climate of uncertainty. This impacts upon our planning, budgeting and recruitment — and adversely upon our share price.



Malcolm Chatwin

This is not an environment conducive to the effective running of one A by-product of a lower share price is to make Yorkshire Electricity and the remaining independent

Rees more vulnerable to takeover. as we are currently seeing. Would a new owner continue to support all of our stakeholders and the region in the way that we have?

In 1977, Joe Haines, of the Daily Mirror, said: "It's no use saying the Labour Government works, if one and a half million people don't."

This time around Labour prom-

ises that it will devote the proceeds of its windfall tax to training and creating jobs for 250,000 people nationally. In practice, this stake-holder tax would almost inevitably result in reduced efficiency through reduced investment in our core distribution and generation

This will result in a significant slowdown in job creation throughout the industry, and, ultimately, depending upon the level of the tax, in job losses - which is entirely to achieve in the first place.
In the long term this could mean higher prices and will detract from Yorkshire Electricity's present pos-

ition as the lowest cost supplier to

our domestic customers. Another by product of this stakeholder tax is that foreign investors will think twice before doing business in the UK, on the basis that a socialist government will levy what amounts to a retrospective tax on successfully managed businesses. Rumour has it that the Clinton Administration is already lobbying against what it sees as a discriminatory tax on US

companies. It is also important to remember that, since privatisation, Yorkshire Electricity has paid, on average, £90 million per year to the Government, compared with an average of

Should the Labour party decide to proceed, in spite of the growing criticism of its stakeholder tax, then what is needed - before a constructive dialogue can begin - is for Labour to define what they categorise as a utility. Will this stakeholder tax be contined to the water and electricity sectors, or will it be applied to other privatised

In summary, the retrospective clawback of efficiency gains that have already benefited all of our stakeholders, and have contributed significant amounts of tax, is illconceived, inequitable and incon-sistent with the stakeholder society that we serve.

☐ Malcolm Chalwin is group chief executive of Yorkshire

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Ulster and Wales lead orders race

By Janet Bush, Economics Correspondent

NORTHERN Ireland and Wales are leading the country in winning new manufacturing orders, according to the Confederation of British Industry's latest regional trends

survey.
Orders increased in eight of the 11 UK regions in the past four months, with Northern (reland. Wales, East Anglia and Scotland seeing the greatest growth. Orders fell in the South West, Yorkshire and Humberside and the East Midlands but the declines were modest.

The survey, produced with Business Strategies, the regional economics consultancy, said that export demand over the past four months was strongest in Northern Ireland. followed by the South West. In the UK as a whole, growth in domestic orders outstripped that of export orders. Output rose in eight re-

gions, with firms in Northern Ireland. Wales and the South East reporting the fastest rate of growth. Output fell in only three regions - Yorkshire and Humberside, the North and

East Anglia. Looking ahead, all 11 regions expect orders to increase over the next four months although the North is only looking for a slight increase. Most optimistic are firms in

Wales and East Anglia. Manufacturers in all regions except the North expect output to rise over the coming four months. Yorkshire and Humberside and East Anglia are most optimistic.

The news on the prices front is relatively good. Unit costs fell over the past four months in seven regions and seven regions expect unit costs to decline over the next four months. Manufacturers' domestic prices fell in eight regions over the latest period and are expected to fall in five regions over the next four

Of the six areas predicting price rises in the coming months, only firms in the East Midlands, the North West and Yorkshire and Humberside expected rises to be any more

Business confidence rose in eight out of 11 regions over the past four months, with manufacturers in East Anglia and Scotland the most optimistic.



Graham Lockyer is leading Triplex Lloyd's bid

Colt float chases £68m

By ERIC REGULY

COLT, the American telecoms company that competes with BT and Mercury for government and large business cus-tomers, said that it expects to raise as much as £68 million in its flotation and will use the funds to expand its network in London and Frankfurt.

The flotation will value Colt, or City of London Telecommunications, at between £240

million and £272 million. with an indicated price range of 225p-255p a share. Morgan Stanley and Dresdner Kleinwort Benson will set the price next month and the shares will trade on the London Stock Exchange and America's Nasdaq market.

Colt will also raise £75 million in bank loans and \$150 million in high-yield debt.

Triplex bid lifts William Cook shares

By KEITH RODGERS

SHARES in William Cook the steel castings group, soared yesterday after Triplex Lloyd, the rival engineering company, launched a £57.7 million hostile takeover bid.

The cash-and-shares offer values William Cook shares at 309p, against Thursday's closing price of 240 p. The shares closed yesterday at

Graham Lockyer, Triplex Lloyd chief executive, said that William Cook shareholders were "suffering from their management's loss of ambition and its failure to pursue new growth opportunities successfully".

William Cook swiftly rejected the bid. Andrew Cook, chairman, said: "We're being bid for by someone who's trying to steal shares from the shareholders. I'm determined that shareholders will not be

The offer is of seven new Triplex Lloyd shares and £13.50 in cash for every nine Cook shares. There is an alternative cash offer of 295p a

Triplex Lloyd said that the acquisition would generate £1.5 million of extra profit a year, and expects it to enhance earnings in the first full year, excluding one-off costs.

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Executive post for

James Murdoch THE NEWS CORPORATION, parent company of The Times, announced yesterday the appointment of James Murdoch as Vice-President, Music and New Media. He will be responsible for iGuide, News Corporation's soon-to-be

relaunched online company.

In this capacity he will be involved with setting iGuide's future online strategy, and integrating this with News Corporation's existing business and its other online ventures. His music-related duties will specifically include the start-up company, Rawkus Entertainment, and News Corporation's relationship with Mushroom Records, among other ven-tures. He will report to Greg Clark, president of the News Technology Group.

Inspirations warning

INSPIRATIONS, the UK's fourth largest tour operator, has issued a warning to shareholders that it expects to incur a loss this year and may not pay a final dividend. It was the second profit warning in as many months. In October, the group had said that it would break even at the year-end. Analysts had been forecasting profits of around £7.7 million. The company blamed a drop in bookings in September, which left it with surplus capacity, and maintenance problems at Caledonian Airways, its subsidiary, which gave rise to additional costs of £14 million. At one stage yesterday, the company's shares fell 6p, to 73½p, recording a new low for the year.

Avonmore raises funds

AVONMORE, the food group based in the Irish Republic, is raising \$100 million through an issue of preferred securities to reduce debt and fund expansion. The 7.99 per cent cumulative preferred securities were sold on a private placement basis to institutional investors. Ayonmore's debts were about IrE70 million at the end of 1995. The company wants to expand in the dairy and pigmeat sectors in the UK, the US dairy sector, and the food-ingredient sectors in Europe and America.

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A WORKING WEEK FOR: JOHN McKEOWN

When a trip to the local is all part of the job

Martin Waller says the man in charge of Allied Domecq's pubs values the old-fashioned touch

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his Belfast by John McKeown neighbour

asking him how things were in the hotels business. His parents, he discovered, both teetotal Presbyterians, had been unwilling to admit to the neighbourhood that their only child was in the licensed trade. Hotels, somehow, seemed more res-

As Mr McKeown tells the tale, he lights up the third cigarette of the hour. A halffull pint glass is in front of him, never to be finished; in preference, a bottle of Chablis is being gently uncorked to go with a sandwich lunch. The conversation will later drift to the wiles he uses in the McKeown household to slide off and indulge in his third vice, the horses. So those Presbyterian vir-

tues never really caught probably as deed, he revels in it. "I can put in hours and

hours in a social environ- have to do is to make sure ment," he says. "I couldn't . that we keep the locals from put in those hours behind a declining and indeed see if

director of Allied Domecq Inns, the biggest collection of boozers in the country. This is not to denigrate, them, not to denigrate, them, . Where we will grow is because this is exactly what taking trade from undifferthe estate is, a collection of rentiated locals that don't 3,800 hostelries where the emphasis is firmly on oldfashioned values of drinking, manage the less go-go por-talking, shooting some pool, tion of the estate to produce and occasionally making a cash that can be used to fool of yourself in front of the expand the other half, such

Not a new-wave wine bar among them, no childfriendly theme restaurants. and all by corporate design. A year ago Allied Domecq, the drinks group that also owns Dunkin Donuts. Baskin-Robbins ice-cream

and a raft of spirits brands

such as Beefeater gin and Teacher's whisky, decided to divide its pub estate into two. The leisure side got, for example, Big Steak Pubs and Wacky Warehouses, the lat-ter theme pubs where parents are encouraged to take the children along and park them in a padded cage while the civilised drinking takes place outside. For both these brands, money is needed to convert or expand from existing, non-specialised pubs.

That money comes, in part. from Mr McKeown's pubs. "I run more pubs than anybody else in the country," he says proudly, "and since the restructuring they are all

Allied's estate had previously been spread across various regional brands such as Ansells and Tetley's. The idea was to create chains of similar pubs and allow their respective managements to concentrate on each specialised chain. "Take a £25,000 a week turnover Wacky Warehouse," he says.
"The type

need to run them and the are totally environment 9 £8,000 week local.

we can grow them without Mr McKeown is managing much capital. That will throw off cash for renovation in areas where the market is growing, such as eating out.

offer as much as we do."

So Mr McKeown must His pubs must be run without spending too much to squeeze out the maximum revenue from existing clientele; these are predominantly from the C2 and D social classes. It is not a prospect he seems to find dispiriting. My locals are what ob-



John McKeown, the sociable managing director of Allied Domecq Inns, is never more at home than when he is visiting one of his company's 3,800 public houses

sess me completely. Whether it's a discothèque, a karaoke night or a raffie, you are trying to have something happening all the time to get people visiting — you've got to give them something to make their visit worthwhile."

Although an Allied Domecq man of 24 years' standing - he joined as a management trainee — he arrived there by something of a zig-zag route. A Protestant backfather was a clerk for the Gas Board, led to Christ's College in Cambridge and a degree in history.

in history.

Christ's in 1969 was probably the ideal place for an upwardly mobile grammar school lad from the provinces, who could expect to be

taught by plenty of examples of the breed.

Even so, adjustments were difficult: he arrived on his first day, in those heady times of student radicalism, in a three-piece suit.
One wonders, on meeting

Mr McKeown, whether his easy sociability was of necessity acquired there. He is certainly sociable enough now; he is enormously voluble, speaking in ready sente avoids awkward questions simply by continuing to talk through them.

His favourite period was the English Civil War, and he retains an enormous admiration for Cromwell -"Without him I'm not sure we would have had par- chose Allied, Mr McKeown

liamentary democracy; Charles I was a congenital liar" - which, he admits, does not sit easy with Irish friends. He retains some leftleaning sentiments, even if he admits these have been tempered by the effects of

taxation on a rising salary. "I would have loved to be ambition of mine, but I could never make up my mind which party.

a hindrance in today's political climate. Whatever, on graduation, a clutch of businesses came knocking with places on management training schemes, including Courtaulds and Gallaher, the cigarette maker. He admits, simply because its scheme looked more interesting than the rest. It included six months running a pub.

Within a few years he was

area manager for Liverpool, and familiar with the seamier side of the pubs business. Scousers when they are on your side are absolutely the When they decide they don't like you or the company, they are very difficult." Many of nature in difficult areas, on rough housing estates, and it is all too easy for one to acquire a bad name, and a reputation as a reliable source of drugs, violence, or

There are very few pubs genuinely unmanageable but there are one or two, in which case we don't want them. The key to the pub is if the majority of people who use that pub, the decent people, aren't big enough to close out the minority - if the trouble-makers become more than half," says Mr

In Allied's case, many of the worst were disposed of as a result or government spired moves to make the big their tied estate. Cynics have suggested this gave those brewers an excuse to accelerate their plans to refine their pub chains while providing someone to blame for any forced sales. It does not seem to have done Allied any

harm — full-year profits

this week, were up 13 per

Mr McKeown disagrees with the cynics, and also with the much-quoted statistic that Britain still has some 10,000 pubs more than the market will bear. For even the roughest inner-city pub, he says, no alternative use has been found that will provide the same value.

Instead, the trade has had used not to give particularly wonderful service in the old days. Remember how you used to return from America and say, wasn't the service wonderful? Now I think we are every bit as good as

Crystal-clear reminders of Bonnie Prince Charlie

The Drambuie Liquor Company, the family-owned firm based just outside Edinburgh, has always been proud of its Scottish heritage. The origins of its product lie with the Mackimon clan of Skye. who helped Bonnie Prince Charlie 250 years ago when he was on the run after

It is claimed that the Prince, carrying no posses-sions, gave a secret recipe to one of the clan as a reward. The recipe was for a personal liqueur, a mixture of herbs, honey and whisky — and this, it is said, is what is known today as Drambuie, or "the drink that satisfies".

Since its foundation in 1906, the company has built up a diverse collection of fine artworks, many acquired in the past ten years and all reflecting the culture and history of Scotland.

Special care has been taken to gather pieces produced by the supporters of Bonnie Prince Charlie Among 2 collection of paintings, prints and medals, it is perhaps the glassware that is most inpressive - fine decorative and painted glasses made by Jacobites during the 18th

The Jacobite cause was concerned with issues of loyalty. And it was a matter of concern both to the exiled Stuarts and their followers, that this loyalty should be expressed in the written word, in poetry, in the observation and commemoration of certain dates but, above all, by the commissioning, the cherishing and the pos-session of works of art

These works, particularly those bearing a likeness of the exited James, acted as a

and loyalty of the "subject". It was inevitable, there-fore, that the exiled Jacobite "court", first based outside Paris and later in Rome, took a great interest in the production and distribution of works of art. Perhaps the most enduring and beautiful artistic legacy of the era — much of it produced after the failed 1745 rising — is the engraved glass that forms the

collection.

Jacobites thrived on celebrations and many of the serious groups of the 1720s and 1730s had become little more than drinking clubs by the 1750s.

core of the company's art bears verses of the Jacobite The invention of lead crystal in the 1670s meant that

English glass was the finest and clearest available and by the mid-18th century, drink-ing glasses were in wide use. "let it be' fin reference to a Stuart restoration). particularly for celebrations The post-1745 glasses are

engraved by copper wheel, a skilled process involving the use of a foot treadle and bench tool. The identity of the engravers is unknown, but a distinctive iconography One of the Drambuie company's finest pre-1745 pieces is an "amen" glass. Engraved entirely by hand with a runs through the later glasses, suggesting a degree of affinity between the diamond point, the glass

Some images crop up fre-quently — the rose and two buds, representing James anthem surrounding a ci-pher for "James VIII" of



The glassware in the Drambuie collection of works of art is the most impressive

Scotland and the prominent and his heirs; the oak leaf word "amen" translated as and thistle: the moth symbolising the "return of the soul". Mottoes also appear frequently, such as fiat (let it be) and redeat (let him return). Portraits of Bonnie Prince Charlie on glasses are rare, but the Drambuie collection has a

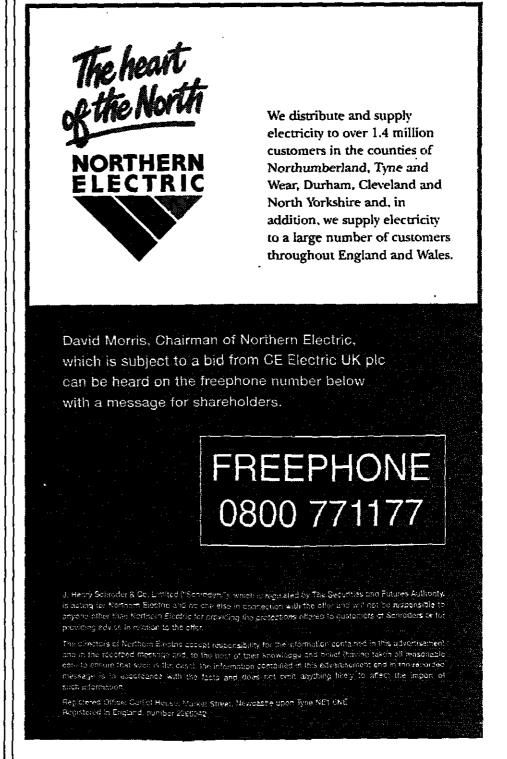
fine collection of seven. The glasses were probably made in any one of the main glass-making towns - Edinburgh, Glasgow, Newcastle, London - and vary greatly in style. Some have bubbles of air or enamel twisted into the stems, some are elongated to make high-bowled glasses for champagne, others are flattened and attached to heavy bases, intended to be slammed sharply on the table with a sharp crack after a toast.

Larger cups and glasses would have been passed round the table for communal drinking and fingerbowls would have been placed so that the drinker could pass his own glass "over the water" during a toast to the "King" — making it clear where his true sovereign was to be found.

It is not clear how grave an offence it was to possess a Jacobite glass, or any similar work of art, in the post-1745 period, but a degree of concealment was required. For that reason and because of their vulnerability it is likely that many of the glasses have not survived.

The Drambuie collection is particularly remarkable, therefore not just in the range and diversity of Jacobite glasses in its collection, but also in their fine state of

JOANNA PITMAN





Cookson shares driven higher by takeover talk

materials group that has been downgradings recently, enjoyed a brief revival of fortunes as speculators talked of a possible bid for the

After coming within 6p of its low for the year during the first hour of trading, the price bounced back to close 17p better at 236 p as word went round that the company was looking vulnerable to an approach. By the close of business almost five million shares had changed hands.

The names being linked with Cookson were BBA, the automotive parts group, down 12p at 3542p, and Johnson Matthey, the precious metals group. Sp cheaper at 552½p. Johnson Matthey has links with Cookson through a ceramics joint venture. Merger talks between the two. which would have valued the combined group at £2.5 billion, broke down in November,

BBA, on the other hand, failed in its attempt to win control of Lucas Industries after launching a billion pound plus assault. Lucas eventually merged with Varity, of the US. But BBA succeeded in showing the City the sort of firepower it could

The deterioration of the electronics market in Europe has hit Cookson hard and prompted NatWest Securities, a long-term bear of the shares, to slash its forecast earlier this month by £20 million to £170 million for the current year.

Elsewhere, share prices took heart from Wall Street's record-breaking run to end the week on a firm note. Worries persist about another imminent rise in interest rates after this week's jump in inflation. But that was all forgotten as the Dow Jones industrial average kicked in last night with a 63-point rise to a record high in early trading. As a result, the FT-SE 100 index closed just a shade below its best of the day with a rise of 32.1 points at as turnover reached 838 million shares. That is a rise on the week's trading of

Speculation that Burton Group. 4p firmer at 1442p, is about to bid for House of Fraser drove the latter's share price 94p higher to 1514p. Sears was also being talked of as a potential takeover target. The price rose 2½p to 9lp as

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Bid speculation pushed up House of Fraser's share price

turnover topped ten million shares. Next also finished the week on a high note with a rise of 14p at 5692p.

Northern Electric rose 8p to 609p, with CalEnergy tipped to come back with a higher offer of o60p a share. Speculative buying brightened up the day for shareholders of Southern Electric as the price soared 282p 7062p.The first

dipped 6p to 73½p. The group. said full-year results would be substantially below expectations. It also said it might not pay a final dividend.

A strong set of third-quarter figures lifted Flextech 2p to 681p. The group saw a sharp rise in revenues that helped reduce the deficit from £5.7 million to £3.8 million. Revenues were boosted by its satel-

BAT Industries stood out with a rise of 7p, to 427p, still close to its year low, having fallen from a 585p peak. Brokers say the price remains overshadowed by US cancer-related litigation. However, the fears have been overdone. Société Générale Strauss Turnbull is the latest broker to make the shares a "buy".

results from Railtrack since lite channels, which include privatisation were warmly received, with the shares accelerating 38p to 323p. That compares with the 190p they were floated at in the spring. Pre-tax profits up from £98 million to £177 million were at the top end of expectations. Shareholders were rewarded with a first-time payment of

A profits warning took its toll on Inspirations, the tour operator, where the price

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the Home Shopping Channel, Family Channel and Playboy. Brokers have begun the task of upgrading their profit forecasts for Dawson Holdings after an upbeat trading statement. The Aim-listed information provider said that results for the year to September would be well ahead of current forecasts. Analysts had been looking for £7.5 million, but have now pencilled in £9 million. The shares jumped

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trading update was also good news for Formal Group, up

8p at 462p. Shares of Williams Cook surged 842p to 325p after rejecting the terms of a £57.7 million offer from Triplex Lloyd, up 12 p to 2082 p. Willis Corroon, the insur-

ance broker, fell 3p to 125p as a line of 2.35 million shares went through the market at 123p. Thorntons, famous for its chocolates, has been enjoyed by investors. Last night it closed steady at a year's high of 1922p in spite of Michael Thornton, chairman, taking advantage of the strength in the price to sell 200,000 at 192p. This reduces his benefi-

shares, or 3.65 per cent. On the Alternative Investment Market, shares of Barisford, which specialises in residential property investment in the Kensington and Chelsea areas of London, enjoyed a modest premium in first-time trading. Placed at 6p by Charles Stanley, the bro-ker, the price finished the day

cial holding to 2.35 million

at 7p.

Limelight got off to a slow start on its public debut, with the price opening at 1742 p. a small discount to the 175p offer price. It later rallied to close at 1825 p , a premium of 75 p. A threefold surge in firsthalf profits at Symonds lifted the shares 2p to 69p. Pre-tax profits leapt from £520,000 to El.62 million, including an

£892,000 contribution from acquisitions GILT-EDGED: The market was able to extend the strong gains of Thursday with the help of some weaker US industrial production figures.

This week's shock rise in the inflation rate was all but forgotten as London outperformed other European bond markets with support from another strong performance by the pound.

In the futures pit, the De-cember series of the Long Gilt hardened £4 at £110116 as a total of 87,000 contracts were 25. i reasury

2015 also put on £14 to £102316 while at the shorter end, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was three ticks better at £102²⁷32. □ NEW YORK: Wall Street shares continued their weeklong surge, posting another round of sharp gains. By midday, the Dow Jones industrial average had been marked up 51.43 points to 6,364.43.

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Prudent shopping list

March 1996, the company

rolled up £267 million that

was due to be spent. in the half year just ended, the total

saving rose another £66

Railtrack says that spend-

ing on infrastructure will

rise. In the end, the company.

must rebuild crumbling bridges, but it is highly unlikely that the privatised

LABOUR OFF THE RAILS

venerable lady of Holborn. He has been keeping a low profile since his frank admission that both a a mutual life insurer and a building society were possible acquisi-tions. Shopping lists are acceptable in a publishing conglomerate but look a bit vulgar in the City and Peter Davies is now sick of being asked when he is going to buy the Woolwich.

Yet the gossip continues. The City has been having fun guessing which names are top of the list: should the Prudential merge with the Halifax, or is Abbey National the better bet? Abbey offer the Pru a bank and access to independent financial advisers through Scottish Mutual Assurance. The Pru is weak in IFAs, who control the best of the high earning

PRUDENCE seems to have finally got the better of Peter Davies, chief executive of the use its treasury division to increase the use its treasury division to increase the percentage of profits earned from its nontraditional activies from 35 per cent to 50 per cent within four years. The Pru's clout in pensions would make this a financial behe-

The Halifax, meanwhile, has an unrivalled distribution network in the high street and, through Clerical Medical, the IFA life assurance presence that Prudential has already identified as being a top priority.

Such huge targets — Abbey is worth some to billion — imply a merger and the striking

point is agreeing who gets the plum job. In Abbey's case that might be solved more easily: chief executive Peter Birch steps down in 1998 and agreeing such a mega merger might be a useful way for him to say farewell.

management will permit

such projects to cost as much

as budgeted and the rolled

up savings will make a hand-

some present to sharehold-

ers. Silence from the Labour

Party is good news for inves-

tors. They have either failed

to spot the cash hoard or they

now realise that public own-

ership of rail would cost

taxpayers even more.

Railtrack

RAILTRACK is turning into another privatisation honeypot On the surface, Railtrack's performance does not look overly impressive. Most of the gain in the half year came from a debt writeoff, courtesy of the Govern-ment. Railtrack's interest charge for the half year has plummeted from £62 million to £19 million, accounting for a goodly bit of the pre-tax profit increase from £98 mil-

lion to £173 million. That is to ignore what is happening behind the scenes. Railtrack is falling far behind its budgeted investment on infrastructure and the underspend amounts to hundreds of millions. Every year the £400 million to £500 million for rebuilding bridges, stations and other structures. But for the two years to

Triplex Lloyd

THE IGNOMINY of being the target of a hostile bid begins early in the morning. Andrew Cook, the formida-ble chairman of William Cook, first heard of Triplex Lloyd's intentions when he received a "courtesy" phone call over breakfast yesterday. By the time he had issued his curt rebuff in the afternoon, it. was already apparent that the predator had delivered what may be a decisive blow.

Certainly, struck at a 30 per cent premium to the opening share price, the 309p. offer has its attractions. There is, too, some merit in Triplex Lloyd's argument buybacks by William Cook is evidence of a shortcoming in investment ideas. And while Mr Cook disputes the amount of synergy between the companies, Triplex Lloyd

at least has expansion plans. White knights aside, the only issue left is whether institutions will hold but in

support of Mr Cook's argu- first two cable companies to ment that the offer undervalues an already underpriced company. At eleven and a half times historic earnings and ten times prospective, the exit multiple looks modest.

Triplex, however, still has an ace up its sleeve. It has: already highlighted £1.5 mil-lion of additional profit that will come from enhanced sales opportunities. Meanwhile, analysis believe that another £1 million could come from removing surplus overheads. That gives Triplex encouragement - and room to pay more, and the man

General Cable

say that General Cable shines in a lacklustre industry, but it does have its merits. It was one of the few players to attack the busi-ness-telephony market and the effort is beginning to pay off. Its revenue per business customer is the highest in the industry and it was one of the

generate positive cash flow. General is the only player in the sector whose shares are trading above the flotation

The apparent success of ·business telephony, however. is no reason on its own to load up on General Cable shares. It, like all its rivals, is still plagued by high disconnection rates. To make matters worse, British Telecom is putting more pressure on the cable companies by cutting its residential call charges. But business fundamentals

do not provide the whole story. The cable industry is consolidating rapidly. The last round, which saw Mercury Nynex, Bell CableMedia and Videotron, has left General Cable, TeleWest, Comcast and International CableTel look ing lonely. Of the lot, General Cable is considered most at-

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Three years after the pensions review began only 1% of cases have been compensated, Sara McConnell reports

Onus of proof is thrown on to victims in £4bn pensions scandal

sands of victims of pension mis-selling who have, in many cases, already had to wait two years for their files to be reopened will now be pressed to supply extra information or face having the investigation of their cases

The Securities and Investments Board (SIB) this week belatedly responded to growing concern over the slow progress of the industry's reiew of pensions mis-selling with a package of measures process of finding and compensating victims.

Fewer than 5 per cent of the 520,000 people wrongly advised to transfer out of generous employers' pension schemes into personal pensions have even had their reviews completed, it emerged this week. Only 4,000 people have accepted offers of compensation more than two years after the review started.

Under the terms of the review, insurance companies must compensate investors by getting them reinstated in their company schemes and covering any costs, or by paying them the benefits through their personal pen-sions that they should have received from their company. Regulators want as many people as possible to be

The SIB's solution to speeding up this process is to allow insurers to make offers of compensation based on less information from employers' pension schemes. The regulaor slammed the existing 230 question form, drawn up by

insurance companies, as "unduly elaborate" and is to replace it with eight questions supplemented by information from scheme booklets and investors themselves.

The regulator denies suggestions from consumer groups that this will lead to investors being short-

Investors who may have been wrongly advised will be asked to fill in further detailed questionnaires about their employment history, salary, and pension arrangements and to supplement their answers scheme booklets. This comes on top of any information investors may already have been asked for by insurers to decide whether their case needs to be reviewed.

nder the present system, insurers expect employers' schemes to provide information on salaries and pensions on behalf of their former members. But many schemes have been reluctant to co-operate and have either not responded or insisted on being charged for giving out

The SIB says: "We urge investors, once alerted to their inclusion in this review, to cooperate actively and constructively in their firm's review of their own cases. Investors who do not reply at all to repeated requests for information in connection with the review have only themselves to blame the review is not then

But firms will be expected to show they have made an effort to contact investors. Certain

further targeted with advertising in the national press and other high-profile moves.

The SIB also makes it clear that investors will be expected to chase their employer to find out whether they will be allowed to be readmitted to the occupational pension scheme to build up future benefits.

Investors should already have been advised by insurers to do this, the SIB says. Insurers will still be responsible for getting victims reinstated in employers' schemes and paying the cost of the benefits personal pensions.

Andrew Large, chairman of the SIB, says: "Investors are being asked to get in earlier in the process and are being asked to take a conscious interest at an earlier stage."

Other regulators say that investors have failed to respond to repeated requests for information in the past. The Investment Managment Regulatory Organisation (Imro). which regulates a number of firms guilty of mis-selling, estimates that up to 50 per cent of people fail to respond to

But unions reacted angrily to the SIB's move. Joanne Segars, pensions officer at the TUC, said: "This is outrageous. We have had people at their wits' end. People have given information twice because the original insurance company has been taken over. People are being ignored. They are doing their part. Now it is up to the industry."

The TUC is also concerned that the SIB has so far refused to commit itself to new deadlines for paying compensation

those about to retire, men over who opted out of schemes run

by an existing employer - was end of this year. But most are still waiting, with no clear indication of when they will Mr Large says that the SIB

wanted to wait to see the effects of the new measures toring of the case clear-up rate. One priority case who has finally received a compensa-

tion offer after 18 months is Christine Garnett. Her husband, Geoffrey had built up seven years' benefits in his pension scheme when he was advised by a salesman at the Royal Liver Friendly Society to transfer his fund into a per-

Just three months later, Mr Garnett died, at the age of 39, leaving his wife with three school-age children. Mrs Garnett found herself widowed at the age of 36 without access to the benefits she would have received if Mr Garnett had left his pension with his employer.

ompany pensions normally pay wid-ows' benefits, while such benefits cost extra in personal pension schemes. Mr Garnett had not held the Royal Liver pension long enough to see any growth in the investment. Instead, he would have still been paying upfront setting-up charges that can eat heavily into the investment.

Last month Royal Liver made Mrs Garnett a compensation offer. Under the review deadline her case should have been reviewed by the end of 1995. The company admits there are other urgent cases still waiting to be dealt with.

Royal Liver says Mr Garnett's scheme was slow to respond to information. It also blamed the method of calculating compensation, laid down by regulators, for its complexity. The figures require checking by several qualified actuaries. Royal Liver also argues that software designed to speed up the calculation process has been delivered

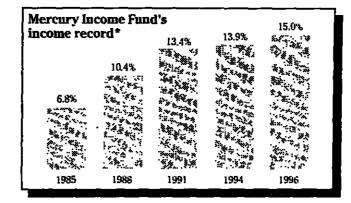
only recently.

Such delays have led unions to advise their members to circumvent the review process in favour of taking insurers to court. The first of a number of test cases will be heard starting on December 2, when a member of the GMB takes legal action against GAN Life. Attempts by insurers to stay legal action by victims was thwarted at the beginning of this year by a judge in the

Bristol Mercantile Court. Mr Large said this week that the new review procedures would not affect the court hearings. He emphasised that the courts and the ombudsman were open to anyone dissatisfied with the outcome of the



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COUNT DOWNER THE SEANDAL

The Government introduces new style personal pensions and at the same time abolishes rules compelling employees to join their company's pension scheme. Previously employees had no other choice but to join their employers' scheme. The move aimed to

increase labour mobility.

Personal pension sales bonanza or insurance companies, banks and independent financial advisers. More than 500,000 people are wrongly advised to come out of their employer's scheme (opt out) and go into a personal pension or transfer pensions from previous jobs.

Regulators belatedly ban salesmen from persuading individuals to opt out of company schemes or transfer deferred benefits from the schemes of former employers. But the damage to thousands of people has been done and the ban does little to curb

the most zealous salesmen. On the 9th SIB admits "it is likely some people may have been wrongly advised to move DEC from their occupational schemes". On the 17th SIB

publishes a report confirming everyone's worst fears. More than 90 per cent of salesmen pushing transfers had failed to explain risks or check

SIB announces that those who OCT

have retired, men over 50, women over 45 and those who opted out of schemes run by their existing employer would be priorities for compensation. Other priority cases include the dependants of those who had died having transferred out of their company pension

APRIL

The Personal Investment Authority, which is responsible for regulating the majority of offending firms, finally starts telling firms how to conduct reviews of possible mis-selling cases. But the PIA takes three months to provide firms with necessary information to carry out reviews.

Victims supported by unions are turning to the courts to bypass the growing delays in the industry review. The courts throw out pleas from five insurance companies trying to stay legal action by six misselling victims. Everyone blames each other for delays in the review.

The PIA fines 29 firms a total of JUNE £16,500 for delays in reviews. A further 15 are fined in August. In November SIB announces a slimmed-down review to speed up compensation. The pressure is now on victims to provide extra information to prove they are entitled

Sara McConnell looks at victims of the pensions mis-selling scandal both at home and abroad



Grievance nursed for far too long

racey Glester has giv-en up waiting for com-pensation through the Like many other nurses, she has followed the advice of her union, the Royal College of Nursing, and turned to the courts for redress for

ersuaded to come out of generous National Health Service pension scheme and take out a personal pension with the Prudential instead. Her attempts to find out how her claim was progressing met a deafening silence and at one

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threaten court action to get pursue her claim.

The Royal College of Nursing has been active in trying to get its members to come forward and claim

story in its union magazine. The union has instructed solicitors Ringrose Wharton to prepare cases on behalf of

Ringrose Wharton also acts for unions such as GMB and Unison.

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Melbourne Cup day: one of the highlights of outdoor life in Australia enjoyed by many Britons living there in retirement

Beware Australia effect

ears emerged this week that the effects of the dal will be felt as far afield as Australia. Those who have transferred their company pensions into personal pen-sion plans could face large Australian tax bills.

Under draconian Australian tax rules, Britons who emigrate leaving their pension funds frozen in the United Kingdom have to pay tax of as much as 50 per cent on the growth of these funds, from the time they become Australian residents to the time they retire and start drawing a

However, these rules also bite if the pension is transferred at any time before retirement, giving rise to a tax bill. This means that anyone who moved to Australia, then switched their company pension to a personal pension plan could be affected. Any move to transfer funds

UK scheme to another will trigger a similar tax bill unless people take action within six months of moving.

Hundreds of thousands of

people were wrongly advised to transfer out of occupational schemes and into personal pensions in this country. Expatriates living in Australia who followed advice to transfer could be liable for tax there and risk losing benefits.

Many expatriate Britons have not realised the potential impact of the tax regime on feared that few UK-based independent financial advisers and life insurance salesmen are aware that these regulations for overseas pension funds were passed in July 1994 and according to Michael Pillemer, national manager at Tower Advisory Services, a subsidiary of Tower Life Australia.

Mr Pillemer says: "A lot of

transferred their funds. But if you will be liable for tax in Australia on the growth in the fund as soon as there is a 'taxable event." Retiring and using the fund to buy an annuity is a taxable event, as is transferring funds from one another, he adds.

Britons moving to Australia have six months after becoming Australian residents to: transfer their funds before the fund to Australia more easily

regime starts to bite.

The rules are harsher for expatriates than for Australian residents with Australian pension funds. The growth in such funds is taxed at is per cent. The UK's tax regime for ous. British residents with British pension schemes do not have to pay any tax on the growth of their pension fund. Emigrant Britons who do

transfer their funds to Austra-

bought with funds previously transferred to Australia. By ities paid in the UK to UK residents is mostly taxable.

Tower Life claims to be the first Australian company to have developed a scheme, the Tower Bridge Superannuation Scheme. This allows emigrating Britons to transfer their Tower Life says. Tower Life's introducer in the UK is Montfort International, which has only just received authorisation from the Personal

Monitort charges a fee of £325 for processing fund transfers to Australia. But if custhe firm also receives a commission from Tower of 1.75 per

Evidence not in mitigation

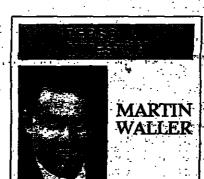
rancis Baron and Mark
McQuater clocked off work this week, better off by £1.5 million between them. Two obscure business City's own version of the National Lottery. Mr Baron was fired as chief executive of First Choice Holidays, Mr Wetherspoon, the pubs group. What both had in common, apart from no further need to worry about their grocery bills for a while, was the payment in full of their contractual

entitlements for loss of office. This is unusual. The sort of contracts signed by such top executives tend to include a fixed notice period of a year or perhaps two. If they are dismissed overnight, the salary for that period must be paid in full as severance pay. Except that in many cases it is not, because of a legal principle known as

mitigation.

This requires the party sinned against in law, whose contract has been arbitratily cancelled, to lessen the damage to the party doing the cancel-ling. This is reasonable when applied to business relationships; if I contract with you to take goods at a given price, and I refuse to do so, it is not up to you to tip those goods into the Thames and bill me for the full amount. You are expected to find another buyer, at whatever price, and then sue me for the

law is that the sacked executive and the company doing the sacking sit down to



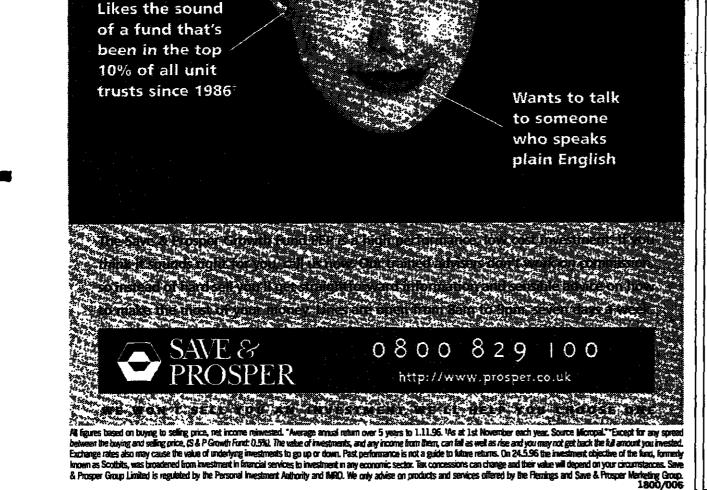
to the former employer.

Most of Mr McQuater's windfall came as profits on share options, but he did receive a year's salary, his full entitlement. The suspicion in the City is that Wetherspoon wanted to avoid the appearance of a damaging row, and settled without argument. Mr Baron appears to have been clever enough to whereby to have been clever enough to whereby to have been clever enough to waking such large payoffs, have no clause including liquidated damages: recourse against the recipients. But they do have the option of challenging, at the second of the payoffs these directors. the two parties fix in advance a payment to be made in full if the contract is breached, and no arguing John Clark, sacked after his company, BET, was taken over by Rentokil. Mr Clark successfully sued for his full three

rather than clashes between big busi-nesses. It seems to me that if your contract stipulates a fixed payoff, then contract is breached. The courts, to go

on Mr Clark's case, agree with me. more likely to be on contracts that allow for a certain number of months' pay on severance, along with a sliding amount for every year served. This is a form of loyalty bonus, aimed at rewarding those who may have stayed with the company and ignored job offers from sum, on the assumption that the reciprocated by the employer. We executive can find gainful alternative would be rightly upset, on our dismiss-employment before the formal notice. At to learn that this sum was cut period is up, thereby mitigating the cost because we could find other work. The law as it applies to the small fry should equally apply to the fat cats.

uge severance payments tend to arouse an automatic knee-jerk reaction based on envy rather than sweet reason. Aggrieved shareholders in First Choice or next annual meeting, those directors who put the contracts in place. They are contract is breached, and no arguing the proper target of your wrath. Better please A third recent case involved one still, insist on all the terms and conditions of directors' employment being made easily available. Then you have the opportunity to head off such huge payments before they fall due.





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Contemptible tendency to blame victims

personal pension scandal emerge with any credit. The patience of the victims has been saintly but the City untabless life. saintly, but the City watchdogs, life insurers and pension scheme trustees have been found wanting.

Although all have been responsible for the delays in the payment of compensation, none has been will-ing to take the blame. Most distasteful has been the recent tendency to point the finger at the victims themselves.

It is claimed that thousands have yet to be compensated because they have failed to respond to requests for information. But anyone with any knowledge of the pension selling process shows this to be another excuse for inertia. When an insurer arranges a pension, the salesman goes to considerable pains to elicit all the necessary personal data. It should be nomore difficult to obtain the same details to establish whether that pension was unsuitable. But whereas the salesman used charm to clinch the sale, there is little of



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the human approach in the compensation assessment procedure.

Vast numbers of personal pensions were sold largely because the salesman was at hand to fill in the tricky bits on the form, or even the whole document. Now the applicant for compensation faces the form-filling task alone, wondering whether he can expect fair treatment from a company that has previously deceived him.

The new measures announced this week (see page 31) require individuals to provide still more information. This is just one of the many reasons why the package

fails to convince. If Sir Andrew Large, chairman

of the Securities and Investments Board, the chief watchdog, would like another five-year term in his job, he must act now to rebuke publicly those firms that have been most dilatory in handling their priority cases. If he fails to do so, there will be pressure for a replace ment who will put the concerns of the public before those of the financial services industry.

What Ho Rutland!

THE entry of the Duke of Rutland into the Alliance & Leicester share distribution row (see page 34) has given this tale a diverting P.G.

Wodehouse flavour, But that does not make it the only story of interest in the building society

Merger activity may be at a historical low. But a few societies are quietly considering their future including the Birmingham Midshires, which last week raised its variable mortgage rate.

Many remarked that this was a curious move for a society commit-ted to mutuality, especially since the soon-to-be-a-bank Halifax has yet to move its variable rate. However, the Birmingham Midshires may, despite its protestations, be contemplating a publicly quoted future after a merger with another society of suitable size.

The Britannia is said to be another society with ambitions beyond mutuality. However, it must stay silent on the subject while John Heaps, its chief executive, serves out his remaining six months as deputy chairman of the Building Societies Association.

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Lenders fix sights higher

pending is up, inflation is up and unemployment is down, all the Holbeck, Woolwich, Royal figures point to an economy that could be overheating. The 0.25 per cent increase in interest rates announced last month looks unlikely to calm

This week, many more building societies withdrew their ranges of fixed-rate loans and replaced them with rates around 0.3 per cent higher.

The most significant move was by the Halifax, the UK's biggest lender, which has 2.5 million borrowers. Its five-8.55 per cent mark, while its three-year rates stand at 7.95 per cent.

In launching the new range of fixed-rate loans, Mike Blackburn, the Halifax chief executive, said: "With the continued recovery in the housing market and the recent bank base rate rise, we are positioning our mortgage rates at a sensible level to avoid overstimulation in the market. This should be the position of

any responsible lender." Other lenders to withdraw Bank of Scotland, Market Harborough, Northern Rock, Bristol & West, Cheltenham & Gloucester, and Bradford &

The Woolwich, for example, has replaced its 4.99 per cent fix with a 5.99 per cent rate. Its three-year stepped fixed loan, which offered rates of 5.99 per cent, 6.25 per cent, 6.75 per cent, averaging at 6.33 per



Blackburn: "sensible level"

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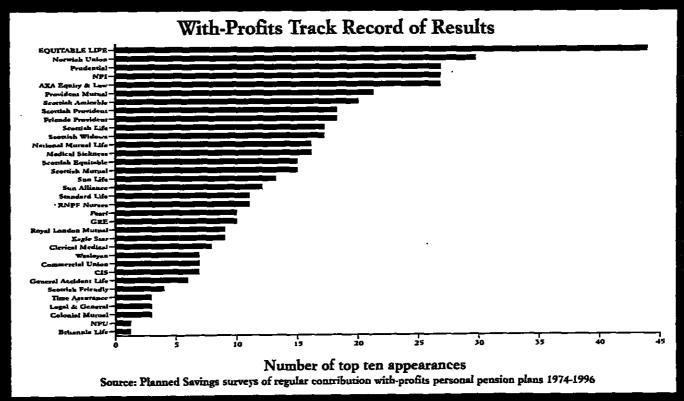
Royal Bank of Scotland has withdrawn its two-year 6.79 fixed-rate loan. Market Harborough has replaced its 4.75 per cent two-year fix after repricing it to 4.99 per cent. Northern Rock has withdrawn its two-year fixed rate. which was 4.49 per cent, and replaced it with a rate of 4.89 per cent. Its five-year fixed rate was 7.24 per cent and it is now 7.49 per cent. Bristol & West has increased its five-year rates from 7.25 per cent to 7.48

per cent. has also repriced its five-year fixed rates: they now stand at 7.59 per cent and 8.29 per cent. Even Bradford & Bingley has slightly increased its threevear fix 5 to 6.59 per cent.

Yorkshire Building Society has temporarily abandoned plans to launch a range of capped, discounted and fixedrate mortgages. It said that the unexpected rise in inflation had caused turbulence in the money markets.

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Duke in float protest

Protests against the flota-tion of the Alliance & Leicester Building Socithough the society claims already to have gained suffi-cient votes in favour of its controversial share distri-

An action group formed by Patrick Mountain, a former agent of the society, is receiving around 100 calls a day in support of its cause. The Duke of Rutland, an aggrieved saver with a substantial balance in the Alliance & Leicester, is among those who have joined the group's ranks in the last

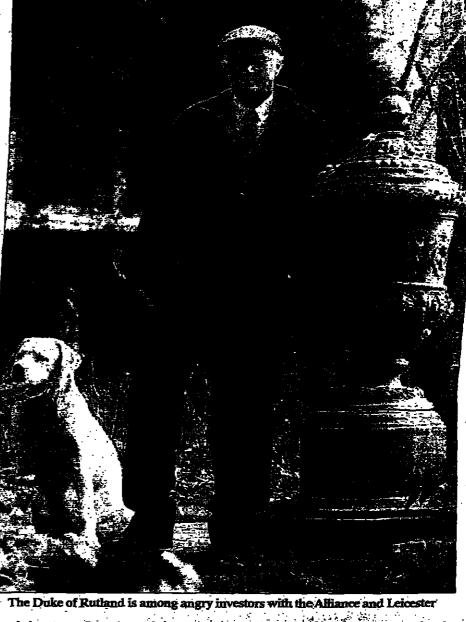
The Building Societies Om-budsman has, meanwhile, received more than 100 complaints over the Alliance & Leicester. Under its terms, those of a basic distribution. each qualifying member, irre-spective of the size of his balance, will each receive 250 shares worth around £1,000. Both the Halifax and the Woolwich have opted for variable distribution schemes, giving larger amounts of shares to those with larger balances.

Yesterday, however, the Alliance & Leicester reported that it had received 1.2 million otes, which it considered to be sufficient for victory.

A spokesman explained: need a minimum of 20 per cent of our eligible investors to take part in the vote. Of these, 75 per cent must vote in favour. This means that 400,000 investors must vote, with 300,000 saying "yes". We have already received 1.2 million votes. Although we do not know whether these are 'yes' that this total will be sufficient to yield an overall 'yes' vote." The outcome of the Alliance

Leicester vote is likely to illuence the structure of the share distribution at the Northern Rock, whose flota-tion is scheduled for November 1997. City sources believe that the Northern Rock, which shares a merchant bank, JP Morgan, with the Alliance & Leicester, will also opt for a pasic distribution.

Adam Appleganth, a North-ern Rock director, commented: We have not yet made a decision as to whether we will go for a basic or a variable distribution. We are in the process of cleaning up our database, tracking back inves-



tors' balances to December 1994. We will not be finished until January next year."

Like his fellow action group members, Mr Mountain feels that he was misled by the society into leaving £150,000 bigger windfall. To spread his message further, he has set up an Internet Web site for others to register their protest.

Members of the action group

their accounts next month unless the flotation terms are changed. They are also annoyed at the cash bonus proposed for those who joined after the end of last year. For some, this could be a bigger payout than the 250 shares.

The Alliance & Leicester is claiming that it opted for the flat share distribution because most of its savers had balances of under £2,000. The society is refusing to meet the action

distribution scheme. Despite the complaints from the action group, many other Alliance investors are happy with the way the share distribution has been set up. Edmundson, 30, a sales director from Leicester, said: "We are all taking part in the future

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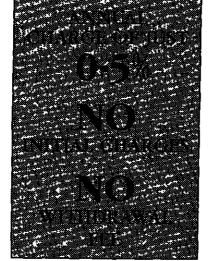
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Widows warns carpetbaggers

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The announcement week that Widows will take over the management of RBS's life subsidiary and help to boost the pension sales of Direct Line, RBS's direct insurance arm, fuelled speculation that Widows might

merge with the bank. But Mike Ross, SW chief executive, gave warning that taking out policies in the hope of a windfall bonus would be fruitless. "While I am always happy to welcome new customers, they should not bother coming to us expecting a the stock market as a wave of brokering a merger with Wid-windfall. We are not about to mergers, consolidation and ows. The mutual has a good demutualise; that is not what we are about," he said.

deter serious carpetbaggers who believe the deal is a prelude to a merger. Many opportunists took out policies with Norwich Union in the 12 months of speculation before it announced it intended to demutualise and float on the stock market. A large propor-tion of them will receive windfall bonuses, although the size of the payment will vary according to length of time with the society.

Widows is among a num-ber of mutuals which had been tipped as likely to join

demutualisations sweep the life insurance industry. Those candidates include Standard Life, Friends Provident, Scottish Amicable and NPL

idows will design products, administer pensions and manage investments for RBS's subsidiary life company, Royal Scottish Assurance (RSA). The mutual will own at least 20 per cent of RSA and an unspeci-fied stake in Direct Line as part of a joint venture in life insurance. The exact size of each stake will be finalised in . the next few weeks.

The news came a day after RBS ended its agreement with Scottish Equitable, now owned by Aegon, the Dutch financial services giant.

Life sales in the UK have started to pick up after two years in the doldrums following the pensions mis-selling scandal. The "co-operation" between Widows and RBS will bolster Direct Line at a time when motor insurance premium rates have been

Many observers are not convinced by RBS's claims that it has no intention of

mergers, consolidation and reputation and investment track record, and a closer tremely beneficial to the bank. Both sides say there is no change on the horizon. "We

are not about to demunialise," Mr Ross said. However, he qualified his statement by adding: "Never say never." The City believes that while the UK stock market continues to grow strongly and mutuals are able to pay reasonable bonuses and stash away capital in their reserves, there will be no pressure on them to consider their future.

But a fall in the market would prompt them to look for outside sources of capital and perhaps a friendly larger parent who could give them financial backing during hard times. Dr George Mathewson, RBS group chief executive, said it was impossible to rule out a merger in the future, but "at present we have uo intention of doing that".

He added: "Scottish Widows is a mutual company and its customers have been buy-ing into that whole ethos. I believe there is a risk in

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Matthew Wall on takeover targets for predators with an appetite

Plenty left on the bid menu





Music, food and - sweatshirts: half of Hard Rock Cafe's revenue comes from merchandising labelled products

apital Radio's £51 million offer for My Kinda Town, the themed restaurant company, shows that predators prowling this fashionable sector still have a prodigious appetite. And there is plenty left on the menu.

Capital, Britain's largest commercial radio group, surprised the City with the move into an unrelated business, despite the proposed opening of its own themed restaurant in London's Leicester Square on Monday. My Kinda Town, whose brands include Beach Blanket Babylon, Henry J Bean's and Chicago Rib Shack, is being valued at 190p for each ordinary share, 100p for each deferred share and 90p for each warrant.

The deal is just the latest in a series of buyouts in a sector expanding faster than a gourmet's waistline. Whitbread, the brewer, paid a £133 million jumbo-sized helping for the Pelican Group's Cafe Rouge and Dome restaurant chains in July, developed by eaterie whiz-kid Roger Myers Brightreasons, whose brands nd and P rumoured to be on Whitbread's shopping list. In June the Rank Organisation

bought out the remaining Hard Rock Cafe shares it did not already own and the rights to the brand for \$410 million (£265 million). The move spoke volumes about the company's expectations for the sector. Like Capital, Rank sees great potential in the combination of music and food - half of Hard Rock Cafe's revenue comes from merchandising.

Forecasts from the Henley Centre are that restaurant spending alone will rise from £13.5 billion at the end of 1996 to £20 billion by 2001 at current prices. Total spending on eating out, including take away meals, is set to soar from £21.4 billion to £32 billion. Recent figures from the Family Expenditure Survey, compiled by the Office for National Statistics, confirm this trend. Average annual spending per household on eating out has risen from £350 in 1994-95 to £380 in 1995-96.

The major brewers have been quick to develop large, food-led pubs. such as Bass's Harvester, and Whitbread's Brewer's Fayre. Meanwhile London has seen a ing Planet Hollywood and the Fashion Café. Robert Earl's Planet Hollywood

company is now developing a new restaurant in the Trocadero centre, Picca-dilly, based on a Marvel Comics theme. David Harrold, chief executive of the Restaurateurs Association, says: "Business is better now than it was even in the booming Eighties. The only question is, how long can it last, given the increasing amount of competition in the industry?

an Garrood, of Christie & Co., the specialist leisure valuer, believes all the independent restaurant companies are takeover targets now. He says: The big companies, such as Bass and Allied Domecq, will not be able to resist the opportunity to expand rapidly by buying a strong, well-known brand."

Analysts agree that City Centre, whose brands include Garfunkels and Deep Pan Pizza, is a well-run company with good, if unspectacular, growth prospects. Group Chez Gerard, which specialises in unbranded restaurants, is another favourite. And Pizza Express, while expensive thanks fund manager Janus Capital, is still tipped

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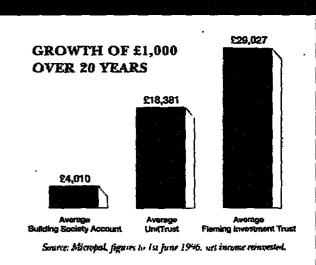
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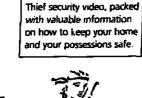


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Counting up the costs of living together

Sarah Anticoni answers the most common questions posed by unmarried couples



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A tions in the value of the married couple's tax allowance, there now seems little to separate the position of those who chose matrimo-ny over cohabitation. However, this is an illusion. The rights of live-in lovers to legacies and pensions and a share of the property remain markedly inferior to those

Is there such a thing as a common law spouse?

A No. What people tend to understand by the phrase common law spouse is a cohabitee. That is, one person living with another as part of the same household.

We have been living together for years. Aren't we are as good as married?

A You may appear to one another and the rest of the world as a married coupie, but in the eyes of the law you are not. The body of law relating to finance and inher-itance apply only if you are legally married. Even if you have children, there is still a legal distinction between you and a married couple.

I have cooked, washed and cleaned for my cohabitee for years. Am I not entitled to a third/half of the flat we have lived in?

A By helping out at home, raising children or giving up your job, you do not automatically acquire any share in a property unless you appear on a document evidencing who holds the property. If you have added to the capital value of the flat by paying the capital part of the mortgage for a signifi-cant period or for additions that have raised its value, you may have some interest in a share of the property.

My girifriend owns the flat in which we live. I have paid the mortgage since I lived there. Do I have rights over the prop-erty and own part of it?

A No, not unless you can show that there was an intention on your and your giritriend's behalt that you would acquire an interest.

Is there anything we can do before we live ther to deal with what will happen if one of us wishes to leave the relationship or one of us dies?

Yes, you can make a A legally binding agreement (a cohabitation agreement) to spell out your shares, rights and obligations, including mortgage re-payments, bills and the division of any capital of any property you own or acquire. Ideally, a cohabitation agreement should be signed before you live together. However, it is possible to enter into one when you are living together. If you decide to marry or have children, this is the time to review the document.

What happens if I do not make a will in favour of my cohabitee?

A The intestacy laws of England and Wales are not as generous in relation to cohabitees as they are to surviving spouses. Recent legislation enables a cohabitee to apply for provision in the event of the deceased cohabitee leaving no will without the need to show dependency prior to death, as long as the two have lived in the same household as husband and wife for at least two years. This does not assist single-sex couples.

How can I make sure my live in partner is . provided for if I die?

A There are a number of steps you can take. If the property is presently held as joint tenants, irrespective of any will provision you may make, the property will automatically transfer into the other joint tenant's name. You can also draw up a will, set up a trust fund or possibly nominate part of your pension or assign a life insurance policy.

My girlfriend and I have been living together for some time and we have wills leaving every-thing to each other. We have decided to marry. Are our wills still effective?

No. Unless the wills are A specifically worded to include the possibility that you will become husband and wife, a new will should be drawn up for each of you.

Is it possible for me to leave my pension to my

A Probably yes, but the possible will depend on the pension scheme to which you belong. It may be possible to write in trust for your cohabitee any death-in-service benefit that will be payable in the event that you die while still working. But most pension schemes only have automatic right to the pension for surviving spouses --not cohabitees. If your cohabitee is receiving a pension and dies, it may be possible for a claim to be made to the trustees of the pension

The house my girl-friend and I live in is held in joint names, but we contributed in unequal proportions to the price. Is there anything I can do now to clarify the proportions in which it is held?

Yes. You could enter into a deed of trust evidencing who paid what at the outset, who is making what contributions and what is to happen when you split

My partner and l bought a property with property and mortgage are in joint names, but my partner has left. How can I force him to contribute his half share of the mortgage?

In short, you cannot unless you can negotiate with him. In all probability each of you are jointly and severally liable for the entirety of the mortgage and the building society/bank is perfectly entitled to chase either of you for the full amount of the mortgage if it so wishes. Naturally, it is easier for them to chase you as they know where you are.

If we split up, will we automatically have to sell the house we bought?

Not necessarily. It may be possible for one or other of you to buy the other's share. If your partner refuses to sell and you want to, you may have to get a court order. If you want to rehouse yourself, you may have to sell your share of the house to afford the cost of new accommodation. A cohabitation agreement can include a clause whereby you cannot force your partner to sell for a set time to allow the chance for one of you to buy the other out.

My girlfriend and I have lived together for some time and have two children. If I left her, am I 🕍 obliged to pay maintenance to her and the children?

As cohabitees, neither As consources, and you nor your girlfriend has any obligation to each other to pay maintenance for one another. However, as the absent parent of your two children you could be compelled by the Child Support Agency to pay a weekly sum for their support.

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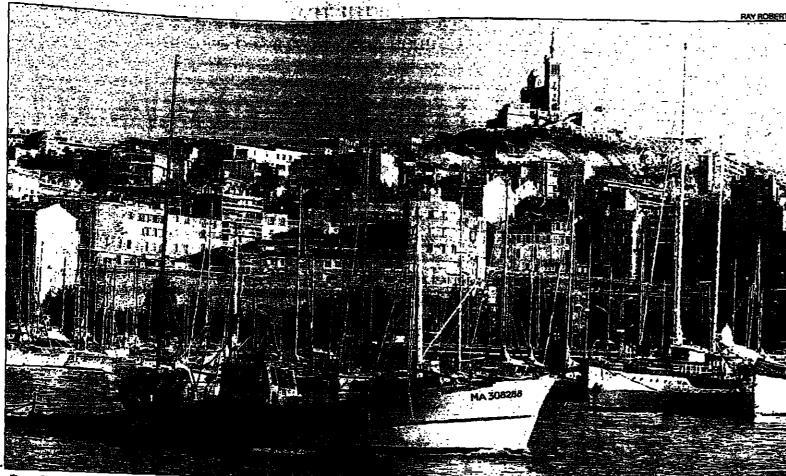
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When it's all in a name

Anne Ashworth warns borrowers

against changing names on an

application for a joint mortgage

Those borrowers looking forward to a parcel of free shares from one of the societies headed for the stock market may lose their prize if they change a small detail on their mortgage application form.

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Although the rules allow you to repay one mortgage and take out another on the same day and retain your membership of the society, plus your right to vote and your free share entitlement. you will lose all these if you swap the name on a joint

A Weekend Money reader from London warned other readers to learn by his experience. He said: "We have been Alliance & Leicester borrowers. since 1988. In March this year, we arranged a new loan. Previously I had been the firstnamed on the loan but we decided to put my wife's name first since the loan was based largely on her earnings. The branch questioned this change but did not warn us that we would be kissing goodbye to our free shares, as there was a

break in our membership." Brian Murphy, the Building Societies Ombudsman, takes the view that borrowers choose the order of names on a mortgage application form and that building society members should be aware of the conversion rules. In the past, he has declined to intervene in cases where borrowers had altered the name order.

The Alliance & Leicester has now dispatched transfer decu-

ments giving details of its conversion to the 3.5 million members who have done nothing to spoil their chances of a payout. If placed end to end, these 96-page guides would stretch from London to

The transfer document packs sent to members should include voting forms, blue for borrowers and green for investors. Those who are eligible for a payout in both capacities should have received both a blue and a green form. Votes must be received by December 5 unless you intend to vote in person at the special general meeting (SGM) at the London Arena on December 10.

Those who have yet to receive a pack should contact the Alliance & Leicester helpline: 0990 785163.

Qualifying Woolwich savers have this week been reminded to have at least £100 in their accounts at midnight on December 31, 1996, or they will lose the right to wore at the society's SGM in February 1997 and their entitlement to free shares.

In the latest move in the row over the rights of disabled Halifax has denied that its share distribution scheme discriminates against disabled customers. The society said: "Under the present scheme, separate treatment of disabled savers, on a case by case basis, is not possible. Any such individual decision could give rise to a legal challenge to the entire conversion process."

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MAM campaign to woo Kepit shareholders

ercury Asset Management (MAM) has launched a campaign to capture tens of thousands of former Kleinwort European Privatisation Trust (Kepit) investors who opted for a cash exit after the restructuring

of the Kepit trust. MAM has waived the dealing charges on Mept, its own European privatisation vehicle, until the end of the year in an attempt to woo many of the disaffected Kepit

Kepit investors who chose to exchange their shares for cash should start receiving their cheques

that extra demand for Mept shares will push the price up. It hopes that this will help to narrow the discount

fund - the total value of all its holdings — and its share price. Mept's share price has lagged behind its net asset value since the trust's launch two years ago, and is currently standing at a 15 per cent discount. The shares closed yester-day at 105½p, having been offered

by the end of this month, and MAM believes many will be looking for a new equity home for their money.

MAM is sending mailshots to 36.000 of them this week, hoping that extra demand for Ment short of the market at 100p. Mept is at pains to dissociate itself from Kepit, which was launched at the same time and whose share price fell below the initial offer price of 100p. and never recovered. The shares have been suspended at 97p

> ough Callahan, who is head of MAM's investment trusts division, points out that Mept has outperformed its benchmark. the MSCI Europe Index, which has risen by 28.1 per cent while Mept's net asset value total return (with net income reinvested) has been 37.7 per cent. This is not reflected in Mept's

share price. Mept's managers say that it has a wider investment brief than Kepit and that this will bear fruit as good privatisations come to

The no-fees special offer will run

Vicky Hastings, who was former-ly a Kepit fund manager and is now head of the Mept trust, said that she expected £21 billion worth of European privatisations to be issued next. year, with a further £10 billion in

Privatisations have taken place in the financial, energy and telecoms sectors, while for 1997-98 privatis-

ations are likely to be in utilities and

The best-performing privatisations have been Railtrack. which has risen more than 348 per cent since its launch in May, and British Energy, up 15.2 per cent

In Western Europe the forthcom-ng expected issues are France Telecom, Elf Aquitaine, the French oil company. ENEL, the Italian electricity and distribution busi-ness and Repsol, the Spanish oil and gas company.

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Investors angry at being left in dark

Fund manager must restore faith in trusts, says Caroline Merrell

nvestors in Morgan Gren-fell's three troubled Euro-L pean unit trusts are clamouring for information from the company about their

It is nearly three months since Morgan Greniell first hit the headlines over the actions of Peter. Young, a fund manager who had built a huge portfolio of unquoted stock in three funds worth a total of

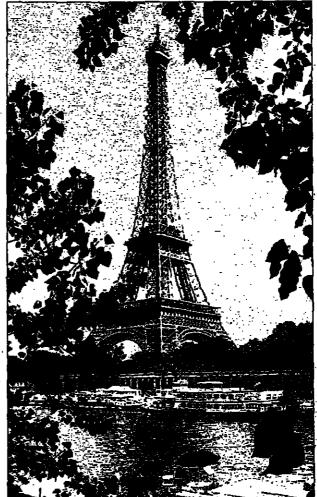
£1.4 billion. In that time, five senior employees have been dismissed from the company, the Serious Fraud Office has been called in to investigate, Morgan Grenfell's parent company. Deutsche Bank, has stepped in with a cash facility of up to £150 million to shore up the fund and the Investment Management Regula-tory Organisation (Imro) has launched its own investigation to try to ascertain who should receive compensation.

It is almost certain that Morgan Grenfell will be fined and disciplined by the regulators over its management of

The suspension in August of dealings in three of Morgan Grenfell's European unit trusts, which held investments on behalf of 90,000 investors. has dealt a body blow to the industry. The fact that such a respected company had run in to difficulties sent many fund management companies and investors scurrying to look at the details of their own inverments to make sure that they, too, were not exposed to the same problems.

Since then, despite the huge amount of press coverage surrounding the funds, investors have been left almost entirely in the dark about what they should do with their money. Deutsche Bank has simply said that investors will be compensated for any "losses resulting from the irregularities".

Despite the comforting ring of this phrase investors will not know exactly what this will encompass until the Imro



Investors are demanding action after their foray into Europe

investigation, being conducted with the help of Arthur Andersen, is complete. Several are understandably annoyed about the lack of communication by the fund manager

One such investor is Stanley Frver, from South Wirral, who said: "At the end of April I started a 1996 to 1997 personal equity plan and, impressed by the advertising, put all the money into the Morgan Grenfell European Growth Fund. In a very short time, for the reason now well known to all,

my Pep fell substantially in value. I would not contemplate selling because I would have suffered an immediate loss. People who had bought into this trust years before could

substantial profit, even at the reduced bid price. "We are now told should it be decided that compensation is payable, investors who have already sold will be compensated on the same basis as those who have retained their holdings." Mr

oined later should benefit from extra compensation.

the lack of communication told The Times he had received only two letters from Morgan Grenfell about the fund's trouble. He said: "All I have had is a six-monthly statement repeating the information in the etters. The financial advisers I have spoken to give conflicting advice. Some say I should sell my holdings, while others say I should stay with the fund." Imro said that it anticipated that the investigation in to Morgan Grenfell would be

finished before the end of the first quarter ned year.

Arthur Andersen is currently going back through the history of the fund to try to analyse the movement of cash and stock to see how much of the loss can be attributed to normal market movements and how much can be attribut-

ed to any irregularities. ne thorny question Imro will have to tackle is whether the marketing literature implied that the fund's investment strategy was more low-risk than it actually was. Another is whether the fall in the value of the units caused by the redemptions when the suspension was lifted was because of market forces or "irregularities".

Financial advisers feel that Morgan Grenfell has gone a long way towards dealing with the situation, and they are happy with Peter Young's replacement, Stuart Mitchell.

Graham Hooper, investment director at Chase De Vere, said: We are telling people in the hind to wait and see. We are and did sell and made a not putting any new money in the fund. Morgan Grenfell is a good quality name and it looks as though the problem has

been purged." The fund has continued to fall in value over recent weeks. The strength of sterling against added to the loss.

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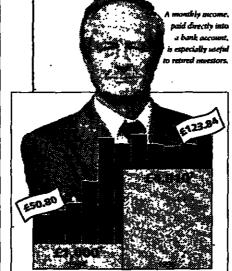
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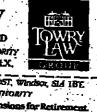
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Barclays Bank estimates that by the time a student has completed her degree, the costs will be in excess of £17.000

University by degree

STUDENT FINANCE

s more and more par-A ents see their offspring head off for university. so there is less and less state help with funding. This week the Committee of Vice-Charcellors and Principals finally put in writing what everyone has long advocated, or feared: the student grant should be

The Government currently pays towards higher education in two ways: tuition fees paid directly to a university and a maintenance grant which is means-tested, paid directly to the student. The only alternative funding, aparl from parental contributions, comes from the Student Loans Company and a bank or building society account, but 41 per cent of students rely on The maintenance grant is

likely to be replaced by larger long-term maintenance loans to, be repaid after leaving university, probably through the tax system. The CVCP submission to the Dearing Committee this week would leave the average graduate qualifying after a three-year degree course owing £20,625 at today's prices.

More than half of all parents underestimate the cost of putting their child through university, with 52 per cent believing the cost will be less than £12,000, according to a

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new survey from Barciays. In fact, higher education can cost up to £17,400. The survey also shows that the vast majority of parents expect their children to go on to higher education and are planning to help them to pay their way. Jain Castiau, Barclays Unicorn's marketing director, says:

party wins the election it seems that students will be asked to meet more and more of their education. Any support that parents can provide will be vital -

and that means planning ahead and for lump sum investment the starting to save as soon as

For university education Barclays estimates that parents will have to save £100 a month for at least five years. The bank, of course, suggests its own Barclays Unicorn Taxfree Savings Plan, which is simply a Pep. Contributions which can be as little as £20 a month — are put in the Barclays Unicorn General Trust, which invests in major UK companies. The initial charge is 5.25 per cent and the annual management charge 1.25 per cent. Unit and investment trusts, Pepped or not, do make sense for funding university education — as long as you start early enough. Investing for ten, or even 15 years, should even out the risk at-.tached to equities and give substantial returns. As an alternative Jason Holland of

fund analvsts BESt Investment suggests the Gartmore Global Pep contributions, which has a 3 per cent initial charge and 1.5 per cent annual

charge — or growth funds from Perpetual and Credit Suisse

Mr Holland also recommends zero dividend preference shares in investment trusts. Zeros pay out a fixed amount on a set redemption date, so parents can plan ahead knowing exactly what they will get from their investment, and when. Gains count as capital gains, not income, so for many parents the proceeds will be tax-free. Yvonne Rose, of Diane

Saunders, an independent financial adviser based in Leeds, believes second-hand endowments are perfect for education funding. A secondhand endowment is a withprofits endowment policy that is sold by the original investor mid-term to an investor who then pays the premiums until

You are looking at invest-ing around £4,500 upfront and then £20 a month. For that you get a good rate of return at a lower risk than a Pep," says Ms Rose. For higher education you must plan in the effect inflation. You may need £5,000 a year at today's prices but if your child is only eight now, he will need more like £8,000 when he actually gets to university."

Investors can buy several plans that will mature in successive years. For example, Ms Rose has just set up for a client a policy to pay for private school fees in six years. time. It cost £4,370 with monthly premiums of £14.78 (a total £5,986) and has an estimated maturity value of £12.148. A policy to mature in the following year cost £4,357 with premiums of £19.57 (a total £6,333) and has an estimated value of £14,138. How-ever, Ms Rose says that if parents have only a few years before a child reaches university age, they should go for a building society, National Savings or a Tessa.

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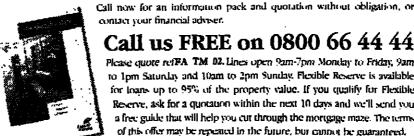
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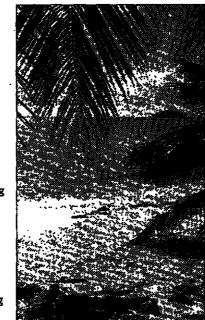
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DAY 4 Male, Maldives Our first call in the Maldives will be at the capital of Male. Here there will be a morning walking tour visiting the Great Mosque, museum and market. Sail during lunch to the lovely resort island of Bandos for an afternoon of leisure. DAY 5 Maidives Today we will explore the Maldive Archipelago, using our Zodiac craft to land on tiny atolls and for those who wish to swim and snorkel over the reets.

DAYS 6.7&8 At sea DAY 9 Prastin We will reach the Seychelles in the afternoon. Our first landfall will be Prastin

DAY 10 Prasiin-La Digue Moming visit to Prasiin's famous Vallee de Mai, the exotic rain forest nature reserve which is home to the bizzarly shaped coco de mer and the rare black parrot. Sail during funch to nearby La Digue, thought by many to be the most beautiful of all the Seychelles islands. Explore on foot, bicycle or oxcart. See the stunning beaches with the giant granite outcrops. Moor overnight. DAY 11 Cousin Morning visit to the Special Nature Reserve of Cousin, an island totally encircled by a reef. This is a wonderful place to

see many of the Seychelles rarest birds, also



the endangered hawksbill turtle and the giant Aldabran tortoise. Sall during lunch to Anse Lazio, a spectacular beach on the north western tip of Prastin. Here you can enjoy the excellent swimming or snorkelling or join an organised walk along the fascinating network of footpaths through the forests and along the headlands. Moor overnight.

DAY 12 Grand Souer Morning visit to the tiny island of Grand Souer, followed by an afternoon on Curieuse. Join an island walk, look out for the grant tortoises reintroduced from Aldabra, see the runs of an old leper colony and enjoy

DAY 13 Aride-Bird Island Formerly a plantation island, Aride is now a nature reserve and home to over a million sea birds. Sall during lunch to Bird Island, a tiny mile long island famous for a huge population of sooty terns. The energetic may circumnavigate the island of foot. DAY 14 Make Arrive at the Seychelles capital in the morning and disembark. After an island tour we will drive to the luxurious Plantation Club Hotel or similar for an overnight stay.

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Shrewd legal advice is a must, as Cary Grant and Myrna Loy found in Mr Blandings Builds His Dream House

per cent and a stash of cash today? It sounds too good to be true and it is, unless you live in a valuable house and are desperate for income.

This week the Bank of Scotland launched its Shared Appreciation Mortgage, providing a nil or low interest rate fixed throughout the life of the mortgage and freeing up a proportion of the property's value as a lump sum. In return, you share with the lender any future increase in the value of your property.

There are two versions, available from the end of the month through independent financial advisers; either a 0 per cent or 5.75 per cent interest rate. With the latter. the maximum loan to value is 75 per cent and the shared appreciation is in equal proportion to the percentage loan you would give away 65 per cent of any future appreciation. With the 0 per cent ontion, the maximum loan to value is 25 per cent and the shared appreciation is three times the loan to value. So if you borrowed 20 per cent of the value, you would share 60 per cent of any appreciation.

When your home is sold or

the mortgage repaid, you retain the original equity in the prop-erty, minus the original loan. If the property value falls, there will simply be no appreciation to share out. Ironically for a mortgage aimed at borrowers without ready cash, there is a hefty arrangement fee of £500. a termination charge of £300 and the cost of the sale valuation to establish the level of

appreciation.

While the mortgage rate is low or non-existent, the real cost comes in the appreciation you will give up. You could lose more through forfeiting the appreciation than you save through the mortgage rate. They have got the timing of

this mortgage right, with most analysts predicting large rises in the property market," says Patrick Bunton of London & Country, mortgage brokers. "If property prices don't go any that borrowers can use the cash freed by the mortgage to fund pension, healthcare or long-term care contributions, to

invest in a Pep, pay for educa-

struggling for income now and

tion fees or a second home. But Mr Bunton says it is too complicated and expensive for most homeowners. "This mortgage is for those not worried about the future value of their property. In any other situation, the only winner is the lender," says Mr Bunton. The 5.75 per cent option is for those who still have some payments. The 0 per cent is for those with no income at all, but the lender's stake in future equity is massive."

aining more respectability. With a home income plan, you remortgage part of your! house, usually up to £30,000. The lump sum is used to buy! an annuity from the lender which guarantees an income for life. Only part of the income is taxed. Interest on the loan is taken out of your income, while the loan itself is repaid when your house is

lternatively, with home home for an annuity or hump sum. The minimum sale is usually 40 per cent of the property, and the minimum property value £40,000. With no mortgage interest to pay, the income is higher, but because you have sold rather than mortgaged, you or your heirs will not gain from any profit on the sale of your

house. To qualify you generally have to be at least 70 years old. Legal and financial advice

the plans can be disappointing a £30,000 loan on a home income plan yields about £100 a month - but can make life a little more comfortable for After the disasters of the 80s, survey of planholders, most juity release schemes are: were satisfied, but there were concerns about the effect of inflation on their annuities, reduction of property value and the amount of equity left

Is there an alternative wa to generate income? The ultimate equity release scheme is to more to a smaller house or to rent out a room in your current house," says Mark Bollard of Chamberlain de Broe, the independent finanapped, as a last resort you will reversion plans, you have to look at a home income releasing, say. £25,000 from your property would really help you, and to understand the effect it will have on the value of your property."

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Caroline Merrell looks at the prospects for ethical investors

Right environment for green funds



Rien ne va plus: ethical trusts rule out any investments involved with gambling, alcohol, nuclear power or defence

The election of a Labour government could give ethical and green funds something of a boost Labour is more committed to policies that will help to clean up the environment.

It is also known to favour the adoption of various European Union directives which will produce better working conditions, greater pollution control and better preservation of the environment.

Ethical and green investment has already begun to catch the imagination of the investing public. The biggest ethical unit trust, the Friends Provident Stewardship fund, has increased in size by £150 million over the past year, to reach £700 million.

This increase can be attributed to the investment performance of the fund, but some is new money flowing into the trust. Ethical and green trusts are two distinct areas of

Ethical trusts will invest in companies which fulfil certain ethical criteria, while green funds will invest in companies that positively help the

Frank Blighe, market development manager of the Stewardship fund, the oldest and most established fund, said: "The outlook for ethical funds looks good. Labour's attitude towards the minimum wage and the social chapter could all add to their

Income Fund and the Acom

Some of the best perform-ing trusts include the Scottish Equitable Ethical Unit Trust, the Friends Provident Stewardship fund, the NPI Global

Ethical Fund, all of which have shown inof about 20 per cent over the

ardship Fund has lists of positive and negative criteria which it uses to select the shares for its fund. Those criteria it considers to be positive include companies that supply the necessities of life, those that give a high quality service and benefit to the community, as well as companies that help the environment. Negative criteria in clude those companies which harm the environment, invest in oppressive regimes, exploit the Third World, or are involved with alcohol, nuclear

power, gambling or defence.

For example, the fund will not

invest in British Telecom,

despite its record on environ-

mental issues, because BT has

a large number of defence

Srowth of £1,000 over 20 years

contracts. Mr Blighe said: We invest in companies which comprise 40 per cent of the All-share. Fifty or 60 companies are invested in, they are reviewed by the investment committee on an

ongoing basis. "We also invest in 100 or so companies in Europe," he

by Friends Provident found that of investors ardship unit

majority, 94 per cent, put profit before ethics. Another of the most wellknown green fund managers

panies in the green sector is much tougher than that in the ethical sector. The Jupiter Ecology Fund, which falls in the international equity growth sector, has risen 16 per cent over the past year and by 40 per cent over the past three years. Charles Miller, Jupiter analyst, said: "We have a list of

is Jupiter. It was one of the

pioneers of green investment.

The selection criteria for com-

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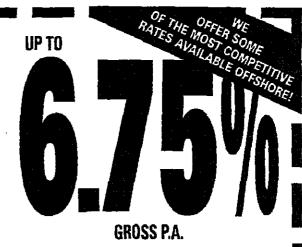
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Top 50 hints for flush investors

If you are looking to invest a lump sum of more than £10,000, a new guide from The David Aaron Partnership

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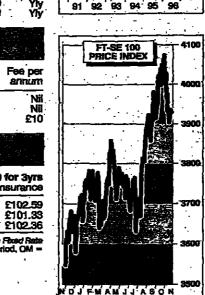
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ANNUAL INCOME
Rates as at November 14, 1996

	lavestment (£)	Company	Standan Rate (%		
1 Year					
	5.000	AJG Life	4.85		
	10,000	AIG Life	5.25		
	20,000	AIG Life	5.45		
	50,000	AIG Life	5.55		
2 Years		•			
	1.000	Premium Life	4.95		
	10,000	AIG Life	5.70		
	20,000	AIG Life	5.85		
	50,000	AIG Life	5.90		
3 Years					
	1,000	Premium Life	5.15		
	10,000	AIG Life	5.70		
	20,000	AIG Life	5.80		
	50,000	AIG Life	5.85		
4 Years					
	1.000	Premium Life	5.35		
	3,000	ITT London & Edin	6.00		
5 Years					
	1.000	Premium Life	5.60		
	3,000	ITT London & Edin	6.10		

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Bradford & Bingley	11.625%	123.44	9.418	100.13	10,000
Bradford & Bingley	13.000%	138.89	9.360	100.20	10,000
Bristol & West	13.375%	142,75	9.36 9	100.34	1,000
Britannia	13.000%	138,65	9.377	100.42	1,000
Coventry	12.125%	130.94	9.234	100.75	1,000
First National	11.750%	122,46	9.595	100.25	
Halifax	8.750%	96.76	9.043	100.62	50,000
Halifax	12.000%	129,88	8.987	100.28	50,000
Halifax	13.625%	149.14	9.136	100.00	50,000
Leeds & Holbeck	13.375%	144.67	9.245	100.23	1,000
Newcastle	10.750%	118.28	9.073	100.32	1,000
Newcastle	12.625%	136,70	9.235	100.45	1,000
Northern Rock	12.625%	138.86	9.092	100.14	1,000
Skipton	12.875%	138.87	9.271	100.48	1,000
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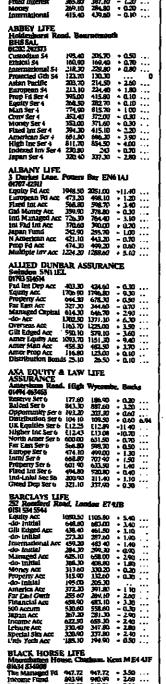
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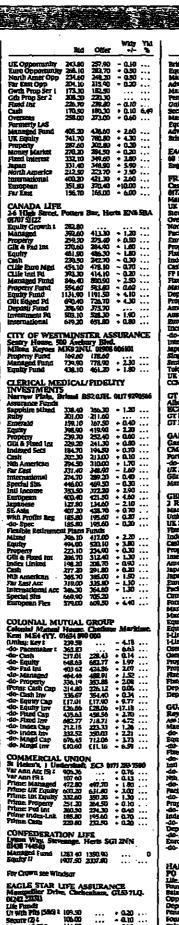
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Lender	interest rate %	Loan size	Max %	Notes
Building Societies Scarborough 0800 590547	0.05	to £250k	70	Rate fixed for 12 months.
Chorley & District 01257 279373	0.50	£60-120k	80	6% discount for 6 months
Mansfield 11246 202055	0.39	£75-125k	90	6.35% disc-6mth 2%-6mth, 1%-1yr
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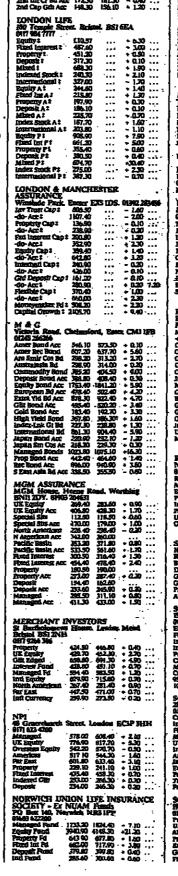
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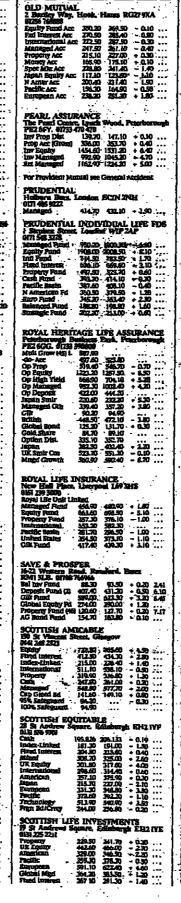
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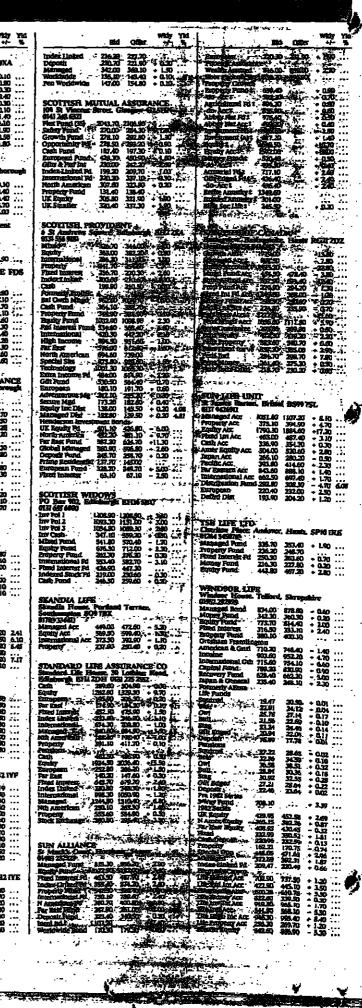












Society rules also discriminate against trustees

From Mr Peter Slattery
Sir, In your article (Societies Shamed, November 9) you trust state that building societies deny that they are discriminating against disabled people. You quote Alliance & Leicester as saying that the first named member rule excludes other groups including children. and that trustees, carers or other first named members

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have a duty to pass on any bonuses to the disabled member. I agree that that is indeed the case: members of the society who hold accounts in a fiduciary capacity (be they a trustee, carer, or whatever) are bound to pass any bonus, or free shares, on to the beneficial owners of the accounts.

But discrimination remains: if a member holds more than one account in a fiduciary capacity, each beneficiary will receive only a proportion of the bonus or shares, depending on the number of accounts

What is more, since trustees must prefer the interests of beneficiaries to their own, trustees themselves (and others holding in a fiduciary capacity) are also discriminated against, since if they

Your correspondent. Mrs .. shares row deepens. Weekend vilson (Trusteees must pur- Money, November 9). Wilson (Trusteees must pursue rejection of claims for shares for their charges, Weekend Money Letters, November 9) is wrong; it is she herself who is disadvantaged. She will receive the free shares as trustee for her son, not for

In conclusion, though, I suggest societies cannot wash their hands of the situation so smugly, since the manner in which joint and/or fiduciary accounts are designated is largely determined by their own administrative practices. not by the account holders themselves, and these practices often accord poorly with the principles of trust law. Yours faithfully. PETER SLATTERY,

6 Wonford Heath Drive, Tadworth,

From Mrs Krzysia Gossage Sir, Patrick Mountain, a member of the Alliance & Leicester Building Society, objects to the cash bonus being available to those who joined the society after De-

reserve any benefit for them cember 31, 1995; or who had selves they are in breach of less than £100 in their activistics. counts on October 14 (Free-

> In fact, the Alliance & Leicester, in common with the Halifax and the Woolwich, is actually proposing to reward people who have no financial interest in the society whatsoever, namely many of the firstnamed people who handle the money of severely disabled

account holders. This cannot be in the interest of members and there can be no clearer evidence that the conversion rules of the societies are seriously flawed.

Yours faithfully. KRZYSIA GOSSAGE, Little Brays. Kingston Stert. Chinnor.

From Mrs E. Usherwood Sir, As trustee for four children I, and they, are being discriminated against in a similar way to the disabled mentioned in previous letters (First-named are enablers, not owners of society accounts for the disabled. Weekend Money

Letters, November 2). As an executor, I chose to

place money inherited by the said minors in the Halifax because I did not have an account with that society. According to their rules my name had to appear first, then that of the other trustee, and

finally that of the minor. Now, as a result of the Halifax/Leeds merger, I have a Halifax account.

Each of the five accounts has a sufficiently high balance to qualify for the maximum share allocation, but I am informed by the society that only one allocation will be made, because my name appears first on all five of the accounts.

This is obviously unjust, and I have appealed for help to the Building Society Commis-sion, the Office of Fair Trading and the Building Societies Association, but all say the matter does not come within

I feel that some way round this iniquitous situation must be found if hundreds of loyal savers are not to be deprived of what is rightly theirs. Yours faithfully, ELIZABETH USHERWOOD.

24 St. Mary's Grove. Canonbury.



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Double iniquity of provider taking remaining annuity funds on death From Mr. C.G. Wyman

Sir, The recently revealed practices of the personal pensions industry have prompted in me another concern. I am approaching the age when I need to decide how to use my personal pension fund, which I have saved over many years. I expect my fund has already been plundered by the arcane proced-ures of the pensions industry. if the various articles I have read are to be believed.

The Government, under both Conservative and Labour administrations, has encouraged me to save for my retirement by offering generous tax advantages. I am grateful to the Government for these, although it should gain by my being less of a burden to the State.

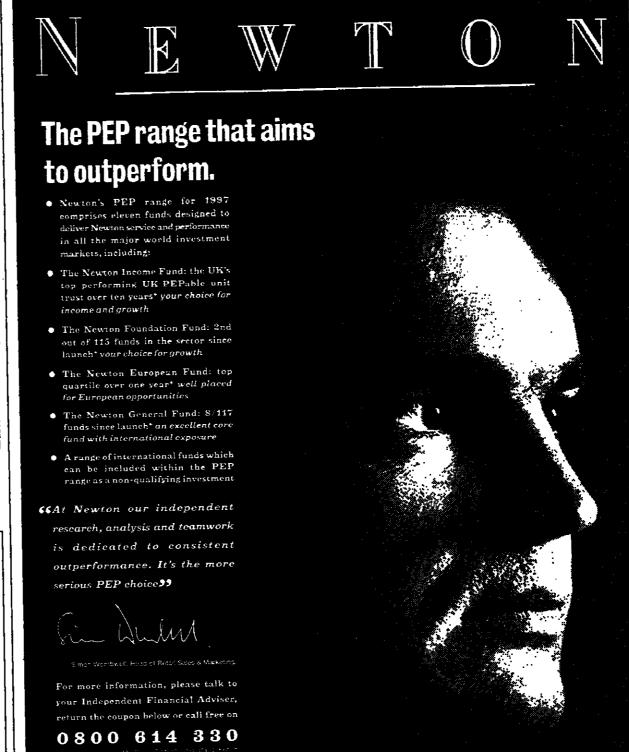
Now that I am at the point of using my savings, I find that I am forced by government rules to buy an annuity with most of the money. The rate of return from an annuity is little better than I can get from retirement bonds. The main difference is that

when I die the capital invested in a retirement bond would return to my surviving family whereas with an an-nuity the capital is kept by the institutional provider.

It is hardly fair that nearly all my pension savings will eventually be compulsorily relinquished to the very institutions which gain by siphoning money from those attempting to save for retirement. Yours faithfully.

C.G. WYMAN. The Green. Blakesley, Towcester, Northamptonshire.

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Big Matt can earn the cheers

By Richard Evans

THE fickle tastes of beer drinkers may have persuaded Whitbread to drop Mackeson after 36 years in favour of Murphy's, but nothing can stop the newly-named Gold Cup at Cheltenham today from being the true starting point for another jumps cam-

Tradition comes in many guises and, hopefully, the key to finding the winner of this curtain-raiser will not be affected by the preferences of the sponsors and their marketing men. Custom dictates the Mackeson, sorry, the Murphy's, goes to a young chaser with a touch of class, proven around the undulations of Prestbury Park and who is

The last ten winners have

and nine, won over the distance and all bar one had succeeded previously at Cheltenham or run well there in a big chase. None had carried less than 10st 11b, which is against the pair of progressive Strongs — Medicine and Promise - who are languish-

ing out of the handicap.

Dublin Flyer, last year's winner, invariably runs well first time out but looks vulnerable off a 6lb higher mark than last year. Barton Bank, theoretically well treated, needs further. Absalom's Lady has not won over this far and tends to run poorly at Cheltenham. Kibreet goes well fresh, won the Grand Annual Chase last March and Philip Hobbs believes he now needs 212 miles. However, with 42 runs under his belt, he looks a touch exposed. Anabatic, the Irish raider, would prefer softer ground and has a poor jumping record, while Bavard Dieu does not look good enough. All of which leaves a shortlist of four.

Easthorpe, runner-up to Kibreet at the Festival, ap-

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: Act Of Parliament (3.00 Huntingdon)

Next best: Potter's Bay

(1.45 Cheltenham)

peared to stay 24 miles well enough on his seasonal reappearance and is fairly handicapped. However, Henrietta Knight's habitual front-runner may find it hard to dominate here with the freerunning Dublin Flyer and Kibreet sure to force a strong

fast-run race will suit Addington Boy, who made giant strides over fences last term. With Gordon Richards's string in top form, he rates a serious danger but would be better suited by three miles. The lack of a run around here also counts against him.

Challenger Du Luc, winner of the Catchart Chase over course and distance as a novice, has been all the rage in the ante-post exchanges, being backed down from 16-1 to joint-favouritism. Martin Pipe's runner is attractively handicapped, sure to be fit on his seasonal debut and is partmered by Richard Dunwoody, the best jockey over fences in the land.

However, I marginally pre fer Big Matt, who finished third in this race 12 months ago from 7lb out of the handicap. But for an error at the final fence, he would have finished even closer. The Nicky Henderson-trained eight-year-old likes fast ground and ran a cracker on his seasonal reappearance be-hind Storm Alert at Ascot over two miles, where he stayed on particularly well.

Henderson's horses invariably come on for their first run - he has a 30 per cent strikerate over the past three years with chasers having their second start - and Big Matt can

win this competitive event.

Overall, the Cheltenham card does not look particularly punter friendly and the best bets may be found elsewhere. Act Of Parliament rather lost his way last season and, as a result, is well handicapped in the Macer Gifford Chase at Huntingdon (3.00).



Big Matt is fancied for the Murphy's Gold Cup, in which he finished third last season

CHELTENHAM THUNDERER 2.55 EASTHORPE (nap) 3.30 Martomick

1.10 Hops And Pops

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.55 ABSALOM'S LADY.

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACEGARD

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GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

THUNDERER

(£2,346: 2m) (11 runners)

1.10 FUGGLES IMPERIAL HANDICAP HURDLE

Long handicap; Gleogarii Sat 9-11, San Giorgio 9-5

BETTING: 6-4 Victor Bravo, 2-1 Glesgami Girl, 7-2 San Grorgio, 6-1 Hops And Pops, 1995: GREENHIL TARE AWAY 7-10-1 Peler Hobbs (13-2) P Hobbs 6 ran

1.45 WADWORTH 6X NOVICES CHASE (£4,765: 2m 4l 110yd) (4 runners)

BETTROG: 1-3 Potter's Bay, 2-1 General Pongo, 10-1 Plimsy Truth.

1995: BERTONE 5-11-6 J Osborne (11-10) K Balley 6 min

12.35 Northern Motto. 1.05 Crown Equeny. 1.35 Cittadino, 2.10 The Grey Monk, 2.40 Nicholes Plant. 3.10 Regal Romper, 3.40 Ardronan.

12.35 SEAN GRAHAM JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE

9-4 Globe Runner, 4-1 Tae Boszong Briel, 5-1 Rossel, 6-1 Northeox Motio, 7-1 Ratie, 8-1 Precious Gal, 12-1 Mapleton, 14-1 others.

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1 2012 ARRANGE A GAME 38 (F) Miss J Bower 9-11-0 S Taylor (5) —
2 3-42 BOUD ACCOUNT 12 (G) 6 Moore 6-11-0 ... N Bendey 63
3 234- CROWN EDURERY 253 (G) 6 Rubands 6-11-0 . N Williamson —
4 076- CONSS SERMON 372 P Beaumont 7-11-0 ... A Supple 5 333- NALIGHTY RUTURE 205 (G.S.) J O'Aleit 7-11-0 ... A Roche —
5 33 PANTARA PRINCE 8 (BF) J Charlton 7-11-0 ... A Dobbin 55
7 3 ROYAL PARIS 10 Mis S Smith 6-11-0 ... R Gaest —
8 705- THE BIRD O'DONNELL 232 (G.S.) F Murphy 10-11-0

4-5 Crown Equeny, 5-1 Naughly Fature, 7-1 Bold Account, 8-1 Pantara Prince, 10-1 Xings Section, 12-1 Royal Paris, 14-1 others,

1.35 sean graham bookmakers handicap

3-1 Highteank, 7-2 Sarmatian, 9-2 Cittadino, 6-1 Missa Greenyands, 7-1 Tingr 8-1 Farmillar Art, 16-1 Marty's Dream, 12-1 citigers

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAMERS: A Whilliams, 6 minners from 23 reasors, 25 1%, G Richents, 43 from 188, 25.6%, Mrs M Reveley, 34 from 142, 23.9%, J J O'Medi, 19 from 87, 21.8%, C Thomston, 5 from 23, 21.7%, M Handwood, 10 from 61, 18 4%.

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1.05 sean graham hovices chase

2.20 MURPHY'S DRAUGHTFLOW HANDICAP HURDLE 10394-1 (1991) (\$ 10 Min 25)
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1995; LONESOME TRAIN 6-9-9 B Fontos (33-1) C Weedon 15 can

FORM FOCUS

CHEF'S SONG heat Warm Spell 11 in conditions hardle at Kerolom (2m, good to 8m) DREAM'S END need SPACE TREACER (1th Desire off) 29th in Tanglebott Bits Hundle at Wincombo (2m, good).

SPACE TRUCKER beat MYSTICAL CITY (2th best off) 9th in bandicup hundle at Listowel (2m, good) are yielding) on pencilimate start. CRACK ON heat

2.55 MURPHY'S GOLD CUP HANDICAP CHASE (Grade III: £38,270: 2m 4f 110yd) (12 runners)

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DUBLIN FLYER best Egypt Mill Proces 5:1 in the-rates (good) last year wide BIG MATT (2th before all) 41 3rd. BARTON BANK 7:1 2nd of 4 in One May in good) it Cardie Half Chese at Westerby (3m 11, pood). ADDINISTON BOY best CHALLENGER DU LUC (8th better all) 91 in Future Champion Novices Chese at An (2m 41, solid). ANABATIC heat Sound Man. 201 in 3-romer Fortro. Handlage Chase at Nessen (2m 11, yelding). 316 MATT neck. 2nd at 4 to Storm Abet in handlage chase at Ascol (2m,

2.10 SEAN GRAHAM CHASE

(Limited handleap: £10,065; 3m 1l) (5)

7-4 The Grey Mont, 3-1 Beites Tones Abead, 4-7 Morceti, 9-2 Jodani, 7-1 Morgans Harbour.

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1 05-1 BURN NAP 15 (D.F.G.S.) G Moore 6-12-8 _____ J Callegiate 97

2 46F- BURN SARE 252 (C.F.S.) F Storey 6-11-8 _____ B Storey 95

3 32/ MR (NUTVET 559 (CD.G.) P Mortaith 9-11-8 ____ A Dobbin ____ 4-5-6 COOL LINE 10 (F.S.) F Mortay 7-10-12 _____ N Williamson 95

5 212- CRYSTAL BUT 173 (S) A Williams 4-10-8 ____ G Carll (S) 93

5 242- RDYAL CITIZEN 477 (D.F.S.) J Bottonley 7-10-8 ____ D Byrne 90

7 2613 NICHOLAS PLANT 14 (CD.BF.F.S.) J Golde 7-10-4 G Lee (3) 90

8 2513 COMMANDER GLEN 16 (BF.F.) M Hammond 4-10-2 Mr C Borear (3) 96

9 053- SPANDMAN 253 (S) D Motian 5-10-2 _____ D J Motian 91 049-4 YOUNG STEVEN 71 Mrs S Brodume 5-10-0 ____ M Foster 81

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1 PRP- ALL THE ACES 208 (D.S.S) J.J O'Nelli 9-12-9 . . . M Duryer — 2 1-23 POLITICAL TUNKER 15 (CD.BF.F.G.S) R Minus 9-11-2 A Dobble (B) 3 4211 NORRIGE THORN 20 F.G) M Beasti (ray 6-10-11 N Williamson 9 4 -311 REBAL ROMPER 5 (D.F.G) Mrs. S Swith 8-10-9 (Swc) R Gunst 95 5 552- ORC FOR THE POT 211 (CD.F.G.S) Mrs. A Naughton 11-10-4 M Forter 98

6 325- MONTRAVE 185 (CD.F.S) P Marketh 7-10-0 ... G Cabb (S) 91

2-1 Reggi Romper, 7-2 North: Thoru, 4-1 Political Tower, 5-1 All The Acre, 7-1 One For The Pot, 8-1 Montraye.

3.40 SEAN GRAHAM STANDARD OPEN NATIONAL

D Bensley -D Parker -M Dwyer -A Rocks -A Cocktin -S Tuytor (5) --

HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,070: 2m) (20)

3.10 SEAN GRAHAM BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP

CHASE (£4,744; 2m) (6)

2.40 SEAN GRAHAM HANDICAP HURDLE

good to firm). CHALLENGER DU LUC best Air Shot B in Cathcarl Classe have (2m 51, good). ABSALOM'S LADY best Coultant 295 or Historic Gold Cup Chase at Bender (2m 11 1704, good to sait). STRONG MEDICINE best EASTHORPE (14th bester off) 134 in handlage best at Newbory (2m 41, good in firm). STRONG PROMISE best Memory (2m 41, good in firm). STRONG PROMISE best Memory (2m 110). Good to firm). State of the control of the contro

12.40 No Pattern. 1.10 Blasket Hero. 1.40 Fer Dawn. 2.15 Supreme Star. 2.50 Duhallow Lodge. 3.25

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (CHASES); GOOD (HURDLES)

12.40 SCANIA 4-SERIES HOVICES HURDLE

9-4 Mo Pallem, 4-1 Labumern Gold, 5-1 Salael, 6-1 Secret Spring, 7-1 Above The Cut, 8-1 L'Equipe, 12-1 Canegold, 14-1 others,

1.10 scania vehicle management novices

4-6 Blastet Hero, 7-2 Grey Gorden, 9-2 Secret Bid. 12-1 Dancasta, 20-1 Hollow Wood, The Harbitose.

1.40 SCANIA 4-SERIES HORSEPOWER JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (22,688: 2m) (19)

7-2 Colory Counsellor, 5-1 Far David, 6-1 Stoneouter, 8-1 Young Macand, In Carbooks, 18-1 Ameratus, Diegally Yours, 14-1 others.

BURNGERED FIRST TIME TODAY: Hurringdon: 1.00 Daring Ryda, Windsor: 1.40 Starting Fellow, Ayr: 12.35 The Boozing Brief.

tleship Bruce, 4.00 Supernick.

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

CHASE (£3,966: 3m) (6)

(Div I: £2,110: 2m) (12 runners)

3.30 FLOWERS ORIGINAL HANDICAP CHASE (£10,055: 3m 3f 110yd) (5 runners) ong handicap: Bungelica 9-10, Frazz Orop 8-10. SETTING: 8-4 Martamiot, 7-4 Besspekca, 3-1 Copper Mins, 6-1 Willshord. 1995: WILLSFORD 12-12-0 W Marston (9-2) Miss J Planso 8 san FORM FOCUS

MARTOMICK 32) 3rd of 4 to Coulton in grade II

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EVANGELICA beat Time Enough 11 in 3-ranger handleap classe at Warvick (3m. 2, liver).

Selection: WILLSFORD

4.05 MACKESON NOVICES HURDLE (Grade II: £8,792: 2m 110yd), (5 runners)

SETTING: 8-4 Green Grown Desert. 2-1 Kallasts. 7-2 Hesbut Lodge. 6-1 Soviet Bride. 25-1 Foxies Lad. 1995; MANDYS MANTERO 5-10-12 P Hide (8-1) J GBjord 12 ran FORM FOCUS

hardle over course and distance BREDE heat Game Ploy short-head Chepsion (Let 21, good to firm) Selection: HEMBERT LODGE COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS

22.8 22.7 18.6 17.4 16.9 15.1 13.3 12.1

2.15 SCANIA NATIONAL ACCOUNTS HURDLE (Novices handicap: £2,798: 2m 4f) (9) 497 /12 SUPPEME STAR 25 (81-7) P Hologo 5-11-17 A TOURISM (20-2) SUPPEME (21 A Turnell 7-11-7 C Rus (7) 403 20-2 DREAM LEADER 17 M Roberts 6-11-7 C Rus (7) 403 20-2 DREAM LEADER 17 M Roberts 6-11-7 D G'SURMA 42 R Rome 5-11-4 D G'SURMA 404 55-5 GERRY'S PRIDE 24 J Modilios 5-11-1 S C Contat 406 55-4 FRST MSTANCE 25 D Gissell 6-10-12 B Found 407 6335 POSITIVO 7 MER C Coron 5-10-12 D Loudy 406 612- BOSSYMOSS 182 (0-7) A Streeter 7-10-11 D T Bey 409 0034 CATMANIST 24 (8) H Wests 5-10-0 Sophie Michael (5)

3-1 Supreme Star, 7-2 Drawn Leader, 5-1 Bossymuss, 6-1 Positivo, 7-1 First leatures, 8-1 Particus, Berry's Pride, 12-1 others.

2.50 SCANIA 1996 TRUCK OF THE YEAR HANDICAP CHASE (£4,352: 2m 5f) (6)

3.25 SCANIA 4-SERIES NOVICES HURDLE (DIV IL 52,093: 2m) (11)

6-4 Battleship Bruce, 2-1 Nationalli, 8-1 Teriano, 12-1 Lille Shelipad, Linessa Bresz, Time Goe: Da. 15-1 athers. 4.00 SCANIA 4-SERIES KING OF THE ROAD HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,997: 2m) (8)

1 2151 PAIR OF JACKS 10 (D.F.S) & L Moore 6-11-10 Mr R Thompton (S) 2 835- ADDED DIMENSION 381 P Wirksrum, 5-11-9 D Lanky
3 142- MURTASHM 173 (S) J-Righ-Hoye 6-11-7 B Fration
4 255- KELLY MAC 771F (DUS) D O'Blon 5-11-6 J Fration
5 58-2 SUPERBACK 14 (S) W Main 5-11-1 L Richards
6 0-05 ANLACE 11 (D,F.5) S Meter 7-11-0 Chris Webb (S)
7 500- DOKUDRESS/CHRONNER 204 (F,6) B Hodges 5-10-13
T Describe (3)
8 PD04 WILL JAMES 11 (B,DUF,6) C Dreve 10-10-0 Gry Levis (3) 9-4 Pair Of Jacks, 4-1 Supermick, Mobinshim, 5-1 Kelly Mac, 6-1 Added Disnession, 10-1 Added, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANSERS: A Tismell, 5 winners born 25 aussers, 20,0%; P Hedger, 4 from 21, 19,0%; K Bailey, 8 from 48, 18,8%; Miss H Raight, 8 from 48, 17,4%; O Geissell, 4 from 24, 16,7%; S Mellor, 4 from 40, 10,0%; OCICEYS: 7 Mellor, 4 winners from 9 dates, 44,7%; M Richards, 8 from 66, 12,1%; J Raikon, 6 from 52, 11,5%; Only qualities. Just Little handed large opportunity

2.20 Country Star and Make A Stand are progressive and at the right end of the handicap. but both like to front run. which could set this up for a horse coming from off the pace. Just Little won comfortably here yesterday and it would be no surprise to see Aidan O'Brien's charge follow

Dreams End, fresh from a successful spell on the Flat, beat the Irish-trained Space Trucker by 12 lengths at loving mare would have every Wincanton a week ago but meets that rival on 11b worse. terms. There should again be little between them. Chief's Song has plenty of weight but and could pose a big threat

given every chance by the handicapper and should be much straighter for his second to Time Enough at Warwick after a year on the

CHANNEL 4

3.30: Copper Mine has been ery chance.

Martomick was running a good race against Coulton and

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

Gales Cavalier at Wincanton when blumlering four out, but Kim Bailey's fast groundchance on her form of two seasons ago. 4.05: At least two lofty reputa-

tions will be dented in this hot Crack On is on the upgrade, contest. Green Green Desert, a scallywag on the Flat, put his best foot forward at Uttoxeter seven days ago on his hurdling debut and could go far provided he does not revert to his bad old ways. Kailash unbeaten in six starts, including here 17 days ago, is unfiltely to offer much value sidelines. Time Enough had and Herbert Lodge is prepreviously just failed to beat ferred. Second to the useful
Evangelica and a strict read
ing of the form gives the
Sherwood trained runner evanor comfortably here recently
ery chance. and Herbert Ledge is pre-ferred. Second to the useful Berute Not To two seasons and is well regarded.

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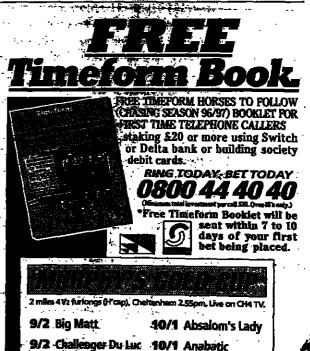
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Mulligan to confirm early promise

CHELTENHAM CHANNEL 4

1.40: Philip's Woody is arguably best in at the weights but has yet to win beyond an extended 2½ miles and does not look the gamest in a finish. Vicosa, trained by Robert Ainer, looked ill at ease on the easy ground at Huntingdon last time and should appreciate the faster surface, which helped him win three chases last season.

Time Enough has improved this term, running well twice at Warwick, a course which takes some jumping. His second to Evangelica and victory over Copper Mine gives the Char-

1.05 Mister RM

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

2.15 QUEEN'S AWARD (nap)

2.50 MCGREGOR THE THIRD

Long handicap kalzıri 9-13 Hullo Mary Doli 9-6

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating:

Long handicap: Paper Ser 9-12 Time Emolgt, 9-12. Fricen Drop 9-12.

2.15 MURPHY'S NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE

Long handlegg, refler: Charge 9-11, Queen's August 3-5.

2.50 SPORTING INDEX CHASE (Cross country chase: £8,489, 3m 7f) (8 runners)

(14,856 3m 2f) (7 runners)



lie Brooks-trained chaser every chance here.

TELEVISION

2.15: After losing his way over fences. Queen's Award is making up for lost time over

2.50 McGregor The Third

3.25 Mulligan 4.00 Noble Lord

CHELTENHAM

TOMORROW

THUNDERER

1.05 CARLTON REFRIGERATION FRASER DIGBY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,316: 2m 110yd) (6 runners)

BETTING: 9-4 Roberts Toy. 3-1 Master Rm. 7-2 Hay Dance, B-1 Natsel, 7-1 Multo Mary Doll, 8-1 Hendson. 1995. WINDWARD ARIGM 9-11-6 A Lamach (6-1) N Burter 12 can

1.40 FOOD BROKERS-GLOYSTARNE HANDICAP CHASE

| CO211F | KILLESHM 245 (6.5) (H Manners) H Manners 10-12-0 | S Duman | S 2023-12 | PHIL IP'S WOODY 18 (F.C.S) (It Man) H Henderson B-10-10 | JR Kavenagh | S 2112-33 | WCOSA 27 (BF.F.S) (Document Recorp (Lit) R Alver 7-10-7 | P Hendry (3) | B 30-6322 | PAPER STAR 7 (It // R) (Aldery Recorp) H Manggarding 9-10-0 | B Powell 8 | IP-3-21 | TAME ENDUGH 15 (F.S) (The Laws Parts) C Strake 7-10-0 | J Geborne | S 26-122 | PHOZEN DROP 21 (D.F.S) (J Culter) F Natheris 9-10-0 | S Fox | S

BETTING: 11-4 Time Enough, 7-2 Prolip's Woody, 4-1 Vienes, 9-2 Killeshin, 5-1 Frozen Drop, 7-1 Paper Star

1995: FLORIDA SKY 8-10-5 G Brackey (30-1) C Brooks 10 ran

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| 2-1922 | TPPRAC RE LINE 19 (F.G) NSS L Sevez) N Page 6-11-10 | R Dunwoods 88 0-00121 | FORT DEELY 15 (G) P Dention E Michaels 5-10-9 | N Williamson 92 5-646-5 OLD ARPOWER 18 (P) P Zever L Neut 7-10-5 | J Continue 85 0-0014 NLL 12 (G) Meteors 19 Nimited 19-10-10 (Distribution 5-10-3 A Magnine 91 5-56-132 MSTER BLANC RO (N Exercise Rue 6-10-0 Rudoston 93 PP-2192 HV.TERS CHARLES 6 (P) Rich N Methy 19-10-10 L Harvey 97 PAF-601 QUEER'S AWARD 4 (G) IS ELOUIS R Export 7-10-2 (Sept. M Smiths (7) 97

1995 SAN GORGO (-1251 James 141), N. TALSON (BANKS 9 187 FORM FOCUS

hurdles and makes a quick lengths a year ago and, with 3.25: The Charlie Mannreappearance after winning Newbury on Wednesday. Bob Buckler's progressive stayer will not be far away despite being a few pounds out of the handicap.

However, Old Archives could prove the value alternative having travelled particularly well at Fontwell on his seasonal reappearance before tiring in the straight. He has been dropped 13lb since last season and could oblige at decent odds.

2.50: McGregor The Third was mightily impressive when winning the first running of this contest by 15

12.20 Gloriana, 12.50 Headwind, 1.25 Matamoros.

2.00 Bally Clover. 2.35 Eulogy. 3.10 Newlands-General, 3.45 Claireswan.

12.20 RICHMOND PARK CONSERVATIVE CLUB

MAIDEN HURDLE (Div I. £2,490; 2m 2f 110yd) (11 runners)

3-1 Gloriana, 7-2 Mr Sorpuy Gale, 4-1 Jakes Juebra, 8-1 Salle Legend, 10-1 Kadoon, Quest, Topanga, 14-1 Othes

201 - 321 MR COMDUCTOR 15 (F.G) R Ainer 5-11-4 ... A Thornton 202 U-03 FILL OF TRICKS 8 J Bridges 6-10-12 ... D Morris 203 S-P MILLEROWE 22 R Rowe 6-10-12 ... D O'Suffiven 24 401-1 DBAN 230 GS J Mes H Hoopt 6-10-12 ... G Bradiey 205 -PP2 RAFTERS 16 (G.S) J Bradley 7-10-12 ... A P McCoy 306 4/0- WCTORY SATE 220 (G) Mr.; Lienett 11-10-12 ... J Railton 207 412- HEADWIND 214 (S) J Gridd 5-10-11 ... P Hide 208 2446 DUR MRXO 8 P Rodord 6-10-7 ... S Burrough 6-4 Mr Conductor, 2-1 Oban, 4-1 Headwing 9-2 Rafters, 16-1 others.

(£2,075.2m 21 10yd) (16)
301 60-4 MATAMOROS SE NA 2P9 (6) R Fixes 9-11-6 ... J First 302 50-9 JANUAS CHIDLESISM 2P9 (6) R Fixes 9-11-6 ... J First 303 5228 GAME DE EMBA 15 (G) J Mudles 5-11-5 ... O Borrows (7) 305 458 NGGERS PA 18 (6.5) A More 9-11-4 ... M Batchetor (7) 305 459 NATER HAZARO 15 S Don 4-11-3 ... M Batchetor (7) 305 469 NATIONAL FLAG 410 (70.5) A Battle 6-10-12 ... A P McCoy 307 20-0 PMRAY REF 17 O Batchen 4-10-11 ... D Borchet 308 -052 SHARP THRILL 18 (9) P Street 5-10-7 ... M R Thorston (5) 310 0F-6 RUTH'S GAMBLE 18 (V.D.G) MIS Level 8-10-0 ... D Leady 31 1058 SPIBITTAYRE 195 (6) J Long 8-10-0 ... D Galagher 312 0069 SLIGHTLY SPECIAL 21 B Peace 4-10-0 ... N Gaule (3) 313 570 ALLEE PABLO 19 R Nows 5-10-0 ... L Asset (3) 314 PP-0 JUST A BEAU 28 MIS Level 8-10-0 ... B Galage (3) 315 POP KASHAN 255 (G) F Hayward 8-10-0 ... B Ferton 316 ASK HARRY 30 9 Almer 5-10-0 ... D Bridgester 9-4 Rogers 2-13 1 Massance 5-1 Came Dilemma 8-1 Joniza Chucklegh, 10-1

9-4 Roger's Psi, 3-1 Matemores, 5-1 Game Dilemmo, 8-1 Jonius Chuoleogh, 10-1 Shang Third, 12-1 Water Hazard, 14-! Prorfy Rest, 20-1 others

2.00 TOTE BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP CHASE

1.25 FORD SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE

12.50 WALBERTON NOVICES CHASE

TOTE JACKPOT MFETING

THUNDERER

GOING: GOOD

(£3,223: 2m 3f) (8)

(£2,075: 2m 2f 110yd) (16)

the Gordon Richards-trained with considerable ease at runner having shown improved form this season, he is hard to oppose. Irish Stamp ran well in the Pardubicka and should be suited by this cross-country course, but Ferdy Murphy's string is not firing on all cylinders. The two Czech raiders, Marketplace and Furtado, are hard to assess.

trained Celibate is the form

choice and improving, judged

on his three victories over

fences this term. However, he

may have to give best to

Mulligan, who was bought

out of Mouse Morris's Irish

yard for £100,000 in May and

began to repay the investment

when outclassing the opposi-

tion on his chasing debut at

Paul Webber's Land Afar,

who has the Arkle Chase as

his long-term objective, was

the best of these over hurdles

and made an encouraging

debut over fences at Kempton

last month.

2.35 BET WITH THE TOTE HANDICAP HURDLE

(2.5,7-6.2. 23) Ot 11 (yo) 1 (7) (2.5) OC. 23) OF Suffivor 501 279 - EBLOGY SSC R Rose 5-12-0 ... D 0 Suffivor 502 04-4 MOMENT OF GLORY B (C.6.5) D Sandelto 5-11-13 G Bradley 503 832 - SMUGGLER'S POINT 277 (F.6.) J Bridger 6-11-11 D Moorts 504 4-12 SAUSAON IS (D.D.B.F.) V Same 5-11-7 ... M A Fixgerald 506 P-13 BELLROI 57 (F.6.) M Temples 5-11-6 ... A P MicCopy 506 4-4P FRST CLASS 73 (F) G Allond 6-10-5 ... R Greene 507 U4-1 CASSIO'S 807 16 (S) R Ender 5-10-0 ... D Gallagher

9-4 Bellini, 3-1 Eulogy, 5-1 Moment Of Glory, 6-1 Cassao : Boy, 8-1 Smuggler's Poeti, Kafasadi, 16-1 First Clacs.

2-1 Mel O'The Rags, 9-4 Dear Do. 11-4 Newtends-General, 8-1 Nytion Casale, 10-1 The Canol Man.

3.45 RICHMOND PARK CONSERVATIVE CLUB

MAIDEN HURDLE (Div If: \$2,469 2m 2i 110yd) (11)

1 52 ADILOV 11 J Bridges 4-11-5. Sophe Mitchell (5)
2 -280 BLAZE OF DAN 9 (B) J Bradley 5-11-5 J Prover (7)
3 400- CHARTER LANE 241 Mrs. J Jevell 6-11-5 D Lastry
4 454- CLARESWAN 257 M Tomphis 4-11-5 M Galle (5)
5 1- DANCETILLYOUDROP 189 (G) P Scholls 5-11-5 A P McCoy
6 4-32 FLYNNE RIDDLER 13 M Roberts 5-11-5 M R R Browth 57 0- TRECALL 1485 P Hayward 5-11-5 M R R Thomston (5)
8 (3-P MURPHY'S RIN 52 P Ecdes 6-11-5 M R R Thomston (5)
9 4 ROSS CANCER 12 J Moore 44-11-5 J Ragle (3)
10 5-52 SWAR STREET 6 C Alson 5-11-5 J Ragle (3)
11 CS4 SHARP ELVEN 102 P Hedge 4-11-0 P Hedge
2 Department 3-2 Charger (5) L Box Star Star B Debre Bedge 8-2

5-2 Dancelliyouding 7-2 Claseswan, 5-1 Swan Street, 6-1 Flying Findler, 8-1 Blaze Of Cali, 10-1 Adillio: 14-7 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

FORTWELL PARK TOMORROW. Trainers: P Inchols, 6 winners from 17 numers, 35 %s, R Aines, 13 from 37, 35 1%, M Tomplans, 3 from 10, 30 0%; J Gilford, 24 from 118, 20 3%; F Bitchene, 3 from 16, 18 8%; N Henderson, 5 from 17, 18 3%; J Moore 4 from 23, 17 4%, Octosys: D Birdgreider, 111 seminers from 45 note, 22 4%; P Hede, 20 from 83, 24 1%; G Bradley, 6 from 27, 22 %, A P McCoy, 14 from 71, 19 7%; C Libredlyn, 6 from 35, 17 1%, D Libredly, 14 from 83, 16 9%; Sophite Mitchell, 3 from 18, 16 7%; Libredlyn, 6 from 35, 17 1%, D Libredly, 14 from 63, 16 9%; Sophite Mitchell, 3 from 18, 16 7%; Libredlyn, 6 from 35, 17 1%, Mr. J Pitman, 8 from 33, 24 2%; J Gifford, 13 from 61, 21 3%, Jockeys, L P Aspell 5 winners from 13 notes, 30 5%; P Hitte, 14 from 50, 29 0%; M Marston 9 from 42, 21 4%; D Gallagher, 6 from 35, 17 1%; M Brennan, 7 from 43, 16 3%; J A McCarthy, 4 from 27, 14 8%; MOU, VERHAMAPTON TODAY. Trainers: J Gosden, 7 winners from 20

16.3%; J.A. MCLarry, A. 1000 22. 14.45%.
MCL VERHAMPTON TODAY: Transers: J. Gosden, 7. winners from 20 names, 35.0%; G. Bravery, 3. from 12, 25.0%; M. Johnston, 42. from 171, 24.6%; Mrs. M. Revelley, 12. from 49, 2.5%; W. Jarvet, 4. from 19, 21.1%; T. Ranon, 11. from 53, 20.3%; C. Dwier, 6. from 33, 16.2%; Jobiegs, 5. Carte, 42. winners, from 23, 16.2%; 18.0%; D. M. McCabe, 7. from 54, 13.0%; D. McCabe, 7. from 54, 13.0%; D. McCabe, 7. from 105, 13.0%; D. McCabe, 7. from 105, 12.3%; A. Clark, 19. from 164, 11.6%; D. Wingto, 22. from 202, 11.4%;

3.10 WEATHERBYS 1997 DIARY HANDICAP

601 -422 NEWLANDS-GENERAL B (8F.G.S.) P Nicholis 10-12-0 602 S65- THE CARROT MAN 206 (CD.F.6.) P Wichouts 8-11-6 P Hide 603 11F- DEAR DD 191 (CD.F.6.5.) N Herdeson 8-11-2 M A Regreson 603 12T1 MUL (TTHE RAGS 21 (F.6.) Acc D Hane 7-10-13 G Hogan (3) 605 3/5- KYTTON CASTLE 422 (G.S.) R Didgn 9-10-12 R Betamy

(£3,782. 2m 6l 110yd) (7)

CHASE (£4,110: 2m 2f) (5)

Uttoxeter nine days ago.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: MULLIGAN (3.25 Cheltenham) NB: McGregor The Third

EONTWELL PARK TOMORROW

HUNTINGDON

1.00 Lookingforarainbow. 1.30 Belmarita. 2.00 Lively Knight. 2.30 Elburg. 3.00 Shining Light. 3.35

GOING: GOOD

1.00 KIMBOLTON NOVICES HURDLE

(£2,723; 2m 110yd) (17 runners) ## 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 1997 | 9-4 Ma Percy 4-1 Mentmore Towers, 5-1 Peace Lord 7-1 Ottavio Famese 8-1. Neshesil, 10-1 Qualer Walto Rood Music, 12-1 Ottavia.

RICHARD EVANS 1.30 SOUTHOE JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (£2.548: 2m 110yd) (16)

48: 2m 110yd) (16)

ALARICO 23F Wildere 10-10. D Gallas

EUROBOX BOY 22: A Janus 10-10. W Mars
FILHT AND STEEL 45F 3ob Jones 10-10. V ST
FILHT AND STEEL 45F 3ob Jones 10-10. J A McCa

K NUGSISHER STRAVE 10 M Meagher 10-10. L W
FOR BOYAL DHEN 10 J Mevalle 10-10. W
FOR BOYAL DHEN 10 J Mevalle 10-10. J R Kavan

O SIX CLEPKS 14 J Fragerald 10-10. F Leathy

SULDER MAIX 23F A High 10-10. W Worthing

BELAMARITA 25F & Hubbard 10-5. W Worthing

BELAMARITA 25F & Hubbard 10-5. E Husband

CLASSIG DAISY 145F R Solore 10-5. E Husband

FRUM 14 J Pergre 10-5. N M O LEBEDBISKI 14 Mrs P Sty 10-5
PONTEVEDRA F Morgan 10-5
PRECIOUS ISLAND 18F P Dation 10-5 3-1 Flying Green, 9-2 Kinglisher Brave, 5-1 Belmarda, 6-1 Royal Then, 7-1 Pontomedra, 9-1 Subject Mal, 18-1 others

2.00 TOSELAND NOVICES CHASE (F2,826, 2m 41 110yd), (10) 5 ... S.Co. . 2011 41 TLOY(1), (110)

1 0123 SASSIVER 98 (0 F.G) P halleway 6-11-5. G Hogan (3)
2 66-P ARR SET BEE 150 (6.6) J Smith 9-16-12. A S Smith
3 3600 HATTA RIVER 28 (8) P Datton 6-16-12. J Supple
5 002- LIVELY NIDERT 259 (6) J Smith 9-710-12. M Bernan
5 002- LIVELY NIDERT 259 (6) J Smith 9-710-12. P Hidd
6 A-MASTER HOPE 358 () Nicholaton 7-10-12. R Betarry
7 11-1 MISTER DRUM 154 (F.G.S) M Waterson 7-10-12. W Marston
8 3424 RECORD LOVER 9 (f) M Chapman 6-10-12. W Woodhington
9 STROMG STUPE R Balley 6-10-12. S McMelli
10 1F1- WILD WEST WIND 242 (G.S) Mass H Knight 6-10-12 R Johnson 5-2 Everly Knight, 5-1 Wild West Wing, 7-2 Mister Drum, 7-1 Mester Hope, 6-1 Sectiver, Spring Suct. 10-1 others.

2.30 BUSINESS CLUB HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,931: 3m 2f) (6)

1 416 - ILLURU 280 (CD.F.G) C Horlock 8-11-11 JR Kavanagh 2 10-0 ARITHMETIC 21 (BF.S) Mrs J Parsen 6-11-7 W Marston 3 P-31 ELBURG 8 (G) 1 George 6-10-10 R Johnson 4 327 RUBBIS 807 550 (F) N Yales 10-10-0 A 5 Smith 5 5P-2 SINGLESOLE 9 (C.F.R.S) Mix P Sty 11-10-0 R Martey 6 8/8 PROVENCE 8 (F) A Carrol 9-10-0 D Watch (3) 6-4 Elburg, 3-1 Ulunz, 4-1 Armmetic, 5-1 Singlesole, 7-1 Rubins, Boy, 25-1 Provence

3.00 MACER GIFFORD HANDICAP CHASE (£4,598: 2m 4f 110yd) (7)

2-1 Corta D'Ecouval, 3-1 Denver Bay, 7-2 Mi Precident, 6-1 Storing Light, 7-7. Rustic Ani, 10-1 Act Of Parliament, Puntan.

3.35 WILLINGHAM HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,868: 2m 110yd) (9)

1 204 TELANO BOLD 238 (D.G.S.) 7 Eradley 6-11-12 ... A Johnson 2 41-3 LORIO MCMLARROUGH 10 (S) J Neville 8-11-9 ... W Marston 3 13-1 MENELAKE 20 (D.G.S.) 0 Shemand 6-11-7 ... J A McCammy 13-13 ... Thin 35 (CD.F.S.) 13-13 ... D YeBonsees (7) 5 105- HENNETTA HOWARD 196 (D.F.S) L.T. O I tente 6-11-1 6 Hogan (3) 6 POO- MAGOBELIA 185 (CD.F.S.) 2 Secte 8-10-10 ... Marston 5-10-10 ... Marston 15-10 PEGASUS BAN 14 (D.B.F.) 10 Candina 5-10-6 ... S Alcheet 00-0-2 TANSEO 16 (D.F.) L. Langue 5-10-1 ... Livyer 9 2F2 LUCY TUFTY 5F (G) 2 Partic 8-10-6 ... V Shish

WOLVERHAMPTON

7.00 Colins Choice. 7.30 Hill Farm Dancer. 8.00 Tiler. 8.30 Explosive Power. 9.00 Figlia. 9.30 Backwoods. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 7.00 AMARYLLIS (nap). 8.30 Mashmourn, 9.00 Le Shuttle.

DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE GOING: STANDARD

7.00 POPLAR MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £2.840 7f) (9 runners)

1 RRST MAN B Lieuchin 9-6. T Williams 4
0 UTTLE ACORN 23 S Williams 9-0 D R McClabe 6
4 A3 AMARYLUS 19 J Encien 6-9 A McGloor 3
4 S03 CILINS CHOICE 14 / Speang 8-9 F Lyrach (3) 2
5 00 DOUBLE EIGHT 14 5 Hair 8-9 J D Smith (3) 7
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3.45 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, TRAP DANCER (A Dobbin 3-1), 2, Bold Fountain (N Bentley, Evens lav) 3, Phar Echo (M Foster, 10-1), ALSO RAN 15-2 legenstewn, 12 Protei And Loss (pur. 25 Alabrook (5th), Ethical Note (8th), Pocare Gacethe 14th), 33 Smart In Sam (pul, 100 Meadowsled, Wille Wannabe 11 ran NR Crasthalfoo, 7, 104, sh of, 31 41 P Montenth at Rosewell Tole £3.30, £1.50, £1.00, £2.40 DF £3.10 Tho £15 10 CSF £5.21 Jackgoot not won foool of £2.784.38

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Going: Standard 12.05 (7h 1, Apolio Red (Candy Morrs, 6-1), 2. Soelving 17-2 lavi, 3, Nor's Deed (16-1) 11 ran NR, Sip Jg, Nb, 41 A Moore Tole 95-60, £1.20, £1.50, £3-60 DF £9.00 Tro 280-30, £57, £56.65

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1.40 (7) 1, Rebute (5 Sanders, 8-1), 2, Etalente Panta (6-1), 3 Signity Oliver (9-4 lay, 8 ran, 3), 31 R Johnson Houghton, Tole (14-10, 13-9), 11-60, 11-10 DF (39,00 CSF, 250,57

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2.15 (7): 1, Deeply Vale (S Whaworth, 7-4
1av); 2, Barossa Valley (12-1), 3, Strapp in
Smart (13-2), 12 (en. Sh hd, 5); G L Moore
Tote 2:280, 21 30, 22 20, 51 90 DF: 548 40
Trip £77 00 CSF £23 11

2.50 (1m) 1, Double Espressio (M Roberts, 11-8 lar, Thunderer's repp., 2, Noble Hero (14-1); 3, Kaiser Kache (4-1); 9 ran 41, 61 M OF C17-50. Tido: 62-00, 61 30, 63-20, 61 90 DF C17-50. Tido: 62-01, 64 10. CSF £19-88 Tricasi £58-43.

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2:25 (1m 2) 1, Petsuasion (0 Hartson, 8-4).
2: Go Teo Moor (14-1), 3, Keen Companion (14-1) Lavender Della 11-8 lav 9 ran, 6: 5.
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24:90. DF £86:80 Too £196:10. CSF

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Jockey Club fixes date for Haydock inquiry

THE Jockey Club yesterday announced December 18 as the date for its disciplinary inquiry into the refusal of 21 jockeys to ride at Haydock last month. The meeting on October lo was abandoned after all the jockeys in the second race refused to ride, claiming the course, pronounced sale by the stewards, was dangerous.

The inquiry date presents problems as many of the jockeys involved will be riding abroad. Frankie Dettori and Kevin Durley take up Far East engagements early next month, Brett Doyle and Gary Hind are already in Dubai. Kieren Fallon is in America and others are due to ride in India. Given the circumstances, the Disciplinary Committee today stated they were willing to hold the inquiry without the presence of those riders who may ask for the matter to be dealt with in their absence.

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Going: good is arm
1.15 (2m 41 10)/c ch 1 DANCING VISION
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Tazard, 9-4 fav), 3 Main Mood (Mr E
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Doras (Stil), 4 Spanish Light (bul, 11
Cropredy Lad (4th) 6 ran 141, 81, 101, 101, E
McNamara in Ireland, Tote, 54, 00, 51, 90,
£1 80 DF £5:00 CSF £12, 77 £12.58
2.40 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, LOCHNAGRAIN (P Niven, 4-6 (av), 2 Huso (S Taylor, 7-1), 3, Pharane (L Wyer, 3-1), ALSO RAN, 11 Palacegate King (4th), 20 Dig Deeper (5th), 25 Marchwood (6th) 6 ran, IRR Majorty Major Sh hd, 141, 51, 191, 51 Mrs M Reveley, at Sattoum Tote £1 60, £1 40, £2 40 DF £3 90 CSF £5 93 C3 90 CSF £5 93
3.15 (2m 4) chr 1. MONNAME FORTE IJ
Raston, 12-1), 2. Bella Hill Lad IA Dobbin,
14-1), 3. Diamond Sprite IG Martin, 25-1)
ALSO RAN 10-11 Tay Blue Cherm (I), 2
Jymann Johnny (4th), 10 Show Your Hand
(I), 33 See You Awars (u) 7 ran NR
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E180 OF E5 00 CSF E12 77

1.50 (2m 51 hdbe) 1. HUNTING LORE (M A Ft2)erast, 9-41 2. Supermodel (Mr R Thromton, 20-1) 3. Leap in The Dark (A Magure, 66-11. ALSO RAN 8-11 lav Courbani (f). 7 Edgemoor Prince (pu), 65 Biaazong Joe (5th). Obereno (4th): 7 ran. 1/1. 91, 1/51, dst N Henderson at Lambourn Tote E3 00; £1 70, £3.90 DF-17.40 CSF £33 83 E17-40 (CSF: 523-63 2.25 (Cm ch) 1, KONVEKTA KING (J Osborne, 10-1) 2, Southampton (A P McCov, 11-8 lav), 3, Lord Dorcet (R Durnwoody 6-2) Also RAN 9-2 Caprain Khethe (44h) 4 ran 2*91 4, 90 O Snewood at Upper Lamboum Tole £10.80 DF: £6.50 CSF £22.61 3.00 izm 1:0yd hdie) 1. JUST LITTLE (C.F. Swan, 6-15 favi 2. Mint-Lou-And (J. Osbotre, 9-2) 3. Samandi IA Maguie, 25-1), ALSO RAN 3 Danjing (r), 4 ran 7, 211 A C'Bnen in Instand, Tole C1 60 DF 12 00. CSF 12 56

2.35 (3m 11 chi 1. STORMTRACKER (M Richards, 8-1). 2. Factor Ten (A Maguire, 15-8). ALSO FAN. 8-13 fav The Last Fing (unt, 23 Minor Rey (I). 4 ran, Dist. C Weedon at Chedingfold, Total E7 80 DF (A 80 CSF 221 48 CSF 221 48
4.05 (2m 5/ hole) 1, WORLD EXPRESS (0
Salter 5-2), 2, Ramsdens (0 Walsh, 10-11
tay; 3, Staunch Rivel (Clare Thomer, 7-1)
ALSO RAN; 5 Stoney Valley (0, 4 ran 7: 12)
B Melman at Cultompton Tote: £3.70 DF
£2.30 CSF: £5.09 Placepot: \$8,426.30. Quadpot: £721.00.

Going: good Going: good
12.25 (2m hole) 1, ENDOWMENT (P riven.
5-4 lav. Private Handicapper's top rating).
2, Grandinare (M Dwyte, 6-4), 3, Bill's Pride
(A Doubon, 50-1), ALSO RAN 8 Fils De
Cresson (I), 10 Loveyoumisons, 20 Bowdiffe (4tb), Petcy Parrol (6th), 50 Smarl In
Socks, 100 Gentard Major (pu), Public Way
(5th), 200 Grantell. 11 (an. 3), 27, 39-1, 9,
29-1 Mis M Revetey at Satibum Toter \$1.50,
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12.55 (2m 41 hdis) 1. LATIN LEADER (D
Parker, 4-1), 2. Tall Meesure (G Cardi, 5-1).
3. Highland Perk IC McCompek, 9-2)
ALSO RAH 7-2 fav Skane River (4th), 13-2
Cacke Boy, 8 Troy's Dream, 12 Chummy's
Saga (6th), 14 Sayrel Dancer, 25 Lawen, 33
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ran, 4, 11, 23 sky hof C Parker at Lockerble
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1.30 2m hdle) 1, CLARE MAID (A Dobbin, 3-1), 2, Jaunity Gemeral (B Storey, 7-1), 3, Fentein Court (A S Smith, 16-1) ALSO RAN 9-4 (av Got Land (6th), 3, Judicous Norman III), 20 Jernov (16th), 25 Mulins (4th), 50 Aleto Racing, Dala Fright, Surmy Leith (5th) 10 ten 41, 254, 3, 7, 8, G Richards of Greysloke Total E3.00, \$1.40, E2.40, £3.60 DF \$5.40, Tho £24.30 CSF £22.02 2.05 (2m ch) 1, SPARKY GAYLE 18 Skirey, 2-1 k-tavi; 2, Bold Bloss (H Bentley, 11-2), Jack Doyle (M Duyer, 8-1) ALSO RAN, 2-7 (-fav Castlerbyal (shir), 14 Deally, 20 Uk. Hyglene, 33 Bolaney Girl Music Bitz (4th),

RACING NEXT WEEK

MONDAY: Southwell (AW, first race 1 15), Lexester (12.55), Plumpton (1 05) TUESDAY: Lingfield Park (AW, 1.20), Newton Abbol (1.00), Wetherby (1.10) WEDNESDAY: Haydock Park (1 10), Herelord (1 00), Kempton Park

THURSDAY: Sedgetield (12 40), War-wick (1.20), Wincardon (1.30). FRIDAY: Southwell (AW, 100), Antree (1.10), Ascot (BBC, 100). SATURDAY: Aintree (BBC, 1.05), Ascot (BBC, 12.45), Cattenck (1.10), Market Resen (12.10), Towcester Flat metings in bold

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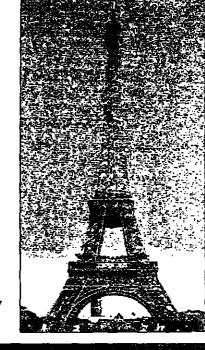
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CHANGING TIMES

Bath ready for fiery reception in Cardiff

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE prospect today of vibrant European competition does much to remove the stale sense of failure that this week has emanated from the ad-ministration of English rugby. That the dispute between the Rugby Football Union and its clubs has spilled over into other areas has been detrimental to the game's image and the organisers of the Heineken Cup must ensure that their competition does not go the same way.

European competition is the future for the game in the northern hemisphere, but, as three French clubs, three English and two Welsh prepared for the knockout phase, a spokesman for the sponsor issued a warning to administrators. "I hope the clubs don't go to a league straightaway in Europe." Jolyon Armstrong said. They can use this tournament to test future concepts. but our early experiences have demonstrated not only the potential but the pitfalls of rushing into a pan-European

Rob Andrew, who retired from the international stage after taking over as director of rugby at Newcastle last year, has been invited to play for the Barbarians against Australia at Twickenham on December 7.

Heineken's tolerance of rugby's shortcomings has been remarkable: at one stage, the company was a whisper away from following ITV and de-serting the competition, which, in Armstrong's words. "needs the administration to match the perception the players have of the tournament."

Today, at least. English supporters will get a glimpse on television of what they have been missing. While BBC Wales shows Cardiff against Bath, the second half of the Leicester versus Harlequins Grandstand, while French viewers will have a double helping of Dax versus Toulouse today and Brive against Llanelli tomorrow. However, the late entry of the BBC only shows how much work remains to be done in renegotiating the rights for future

tournaments. The winner of the game at Leicester will meet the victor from Dax, which leaves the possibility elsewhere of an all-Welsh semi-final. The atmosphere in Cardiff has been welling towards international proportions, buoyed by Bath's record of failure in the Welsh capital. In 70 years, they have won only once and though they have been far more consistent over the last decade than Cardiff, the Welsh club has a habit of coming good when it matters.

Only Jamie Ringer, the open-side flanker, lacks international experience, while Bath, who faltered in Pontypridd last month, have made eight changes from the XV beaten in the Courage Clubs Championship by Northamp-ton last week. That includes the hooker, where Gareth Adams has joined Graham Dawe on the casualty list. leaving Gary French to oppose the Wales captain, Jonathan

Humphreys.

If the whiff of Wales versus England is in the air, then two giants of the English game meet at Welford Road, with Andy Keast, the Harlequins coach, frank about the shortcomings of his club in recent defeats by Brive and Sale: "We created four clear-cut chances against Brive that we did not take and, at that level, if you do not finish, you lose the

Leicester have their own shortcomings, but, so far, they have taken everything Europe can throw at them: "I think we are a long way from being able to win the competition, but we don't have to win it just yet." Bob Dwyer, their coach, said. "I hope we will be ready when the crunch games come along." Now that day has arrived and Neil Back returns to the back row, with Stuart Potter fit to play centre against the combination of Will Carling and Gary Connolly.

Toulouse travel to Dax, whom they have already beaten in the French championship this season, albeit only 14-13, and Brive take on a Llanelli team heartened by the return to their pack of the Jones boys, Rhys and Iwan. Spare a thought for North-

ampton, who challenge the French monopoly of the European Conference. Tim Rodber has recovered from a gashed leg to lead them against Narbonne, one of eight interna-tionals in what will be a fiery encounter. Jonathan Bell returns from a disappointing Ireland midweek international, while one of his victorious Western Samoan opponents, Va'aiga Tuigamala, plays for Wasps in their postponed league meeting with London



Howley, playing here against Toulouse, finds ample time to execute the scrum half's tasks with relaxed ease

Purpose-built Howley worthy of a place among the great scrum halves

Gerald Davies warns that Bath dare not

Those on

both flanks

need to pay

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men in the open field, then this gives confidence to do so

His speed off the mark has

played a vital role in many of his tries and, if he valued

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R obert Howley, after only one season of international rugby. which began against England last February, is already a world-class scrum half; so much so that his opponents are now persuaded to make him a primary target. If they are to have a chance of success, they must design an individual plan not only to inhibit his freedom but also to neutralise his force for mischief. Bath, in their preparation for the match against Cardiff today, will have been busy all week with their ideas

for thwarting him. Half an eye might be thought to be enough to set against the scrum half who interprets his role as subordinate to his partner outside him; the flanker may soon wish to meander off elsewhere. This can never be the case with Howley. He is not in the habit of giving them a choice. Those on both flanks need to pay him full and

unblinking attention. Sufficient evidence has accumulated to suggest that to ignore him for a complacent moment is to risk a riposte of punishing and triumphant accuracy. He invariably scores. He he has done so six times in Cardiff's four pool games in the Heineken Cup. To begin with, there is his unmistakable strength. Last

underestimate the Cardiff and Wales No 9 season, in a brief television and 13st 7lb, said. "There is so much space and, if you suc-ceed in doing so against faster

profile, he was seen, bare-chested, shifting weights in the training room. His frame had the sharply defined contours of an extract from an Ordnance Survey map: the dips and rises were all in the right place and hugely formidable. Here is a Welsh player fit for the modern game and fessionalism

"I have been weight training for some six or seven years." Howley said. "The physical dioften lacking in Welsh players. Individual

strength is vital in so competitive a sport." With his sidestep and flourishing swerves, he is capable of beating a man in a one-toone confrontation. This is because of the amount of seven-a-side rugby that he has played since coming under the tutelage of Keith Crockett. his mentor at Brynteg Comprehensive School and later at

Swansea University. "Sevens encourages you to take players on." Howley, 26 he passes accurately. He plays superbly — sometimes mas-One thing more needs to be

was apparent in Cardiff's match against Wasps. His ination and strength when he dived over and through a line. Many others could have

The first try, however, began near the halfway line. Astutely, he read the moment and ran on the blind side of the loose scrum. His speed off the mark took him beyond the first line of defence. In the second part of the move, he had the full back to beat. With a shimmy, he did so. Then, to round off a spectacular run he maintained his pace and

power to cross the line. Other scrum halves might have accomplished the first two sections of this sequence. but precious few would have completed it. There is an allround ability that other scrum

"More and more, under the halves do not possess. new laws," he said, "with a Thus Robert Howley has flanker having to stay down at the scrum, it is the scrum half who has to take most of the Of course, the other essen-

added. Because of his speed and athletic agility, he plays his role differently to anybody else playing at present. This second try came from determmêlée of players close to the

the potential to stand apart from the rest of his kind and to score tries to which we can exclaim: "No one else could have done that." That should concern Bath this afternoon.

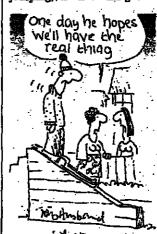
Still mad keen. to jump with nowhere to land

AT LONG last, this column can return to its principal preoccupation, which is to support and succour the most important sporting enterprise in Britain. Beauty, joy, ambi-tion and a soupcon of mad-ness: surely the sport of ski-jumping is perfection itself. For long and weary years, this column has plotted the struggle of the British Ski

Federation to establish a skijump in this country. Easier, far easier, to win planning permission for a nuclear power station or an eight-lane highway than to set up a beacon of daring for Britain's

Hopes had been high for an entire national Nordic ski centre at Sheffield Ski Village, but these foundered upon the need for a wild gamble on a £15,000 feasibility study. British ski-jumping is many things, but rich is not one of them. There have long been hopes of establishing a skijumping hill at Hillend in Edinburgh, as reported in this column since 1992. The project is still — yes, still — pending, and will shortly "come up for

But ski-jumpers are nothing if not crazy, and they are battling on quixotically on a number of fronts. There are, for example, hopes for "a great ski-jumping exhibition in the West Country in the fairly near future." Oh, and Dun-stan Odeke, old friend of this column and of British skijumping, is in training and



hoping to jump for his native Uganda at the Winter Olympies in Nagano in 1998.

Heady days

ily between cricket and baseball, that is called one-day cricket. The fact is that the game really is quite a lot like cricket when you came to think about it. It has its primary existence in the form of the one-day international. and this was a record year. The previous best was 97 matches in 1994, but the world scored its first century when India took on Australia in Bangalore last month, and, by the time the year ends, 1996 will have given us 125 one-day

internationals. As a point of comparison, the first ten years after the sport was invented (when England took on Australia in Melbourne in 1971) gave us a grand total of 103 matches.

This year there have been one-dayers in Toronto (India v : Pakistan) and Nairobi (Sri Lanka, Pakistan, South Africa) and Kuala Lumpur had a tournament featuring Japan, Thailand and Papua New Guinea. There is talk of a competition in Peking. England, however, plan to concentrate their energies on a rather more interesting game known by the singular name of cricket. They will play just eight one-dayers in 1997. We really need a new name know him."

SIMON BARNES

On Saturday

for this other really-not-bad game that cricketers play so well. Any suggestions?

Struck by nerves

Faithful readers will remember the (male) Italian footballwho responded to his sending off by kissing the (female) referee. But when Melania Biancalana, a female ref aged 25, gave a penalty in the Tuscan league match between Tempora and Lucignano, the response was less courtly. With Tempora a goal down and chasing the game. Signorina Biancalana blew for a penalty against them, which

Silvio Giannini, 40, a Tempora director, was sitting on the bench because the manager was playing. He rushed onto the field in fury and punched poor Melania in the face. He has subsequently been banned from football for three years for entering the field unjustifiably, for hitting the referee and inflicting notable pain and momentary visual disturbance." A fellow-director said: "Giannini is a good person. He didn't mean to cause any harm even if he went over the top. But he had stopped smoking only a few days earlier, and it may be that he was too nervous."

Fit for dinner

My heart regularly bleeds for poor golfers. I mean, all that physical exertion! All that non-stop action! So it was no surprise that, back it September, Tiger Woods was forced to pull out of a dinner in his honour before a competition at Pine Mountain, Georgia, say Saving himself for the ac-

tion? Well, no, actually. Woods, the latest sporting love object and instant mil-lionaire, "the Michael Jordan of golf" (will the ghetto kids all start wearing nailed golf shoes, I wonder?) was not playing at all. All the action required of him was to reach out and pick up his award. and then go to bed. Woods is a sadder, wiser and more media-aware man these days. "My actions were wrong." he said this week, before going in comparative humility to the rescheduled bash.

Mots justes

Phrase-maker of the week: David Lloyd, the England cricket coach, summing up his captain, Mike Atherton, and his famous 185 not out in Johannesburg in the Benson and Hedges Cricket Year Book: "Atherton's epic effort, spanning nearly 11 hours as the crease, plumbed the bowels of endurance, concentration and sheer bloodymindedness for the cause. Anyone with any criticism of the lad are just anonymous outsiders who cannot possibly

Australians possess strength to turn on action replay

THAT Ulster have to face a team that approximates to the Australia international XV at Ravenhill today is sufficiently daunting in itself. That they must do so without David Humphreys and Jeremy Davidson, the London Irish pair who will be on Courage Clubs Championship duty against Wasps, makes the challenge all the more formidable.

little more than four years ago. 13 of the players that lined up against Ulster went on to help demolish Ireland in the international match a week later, a scenario that seems likely to

be repeated. Today Ulster are pitted against a side that shows only three changes from the Australia team that saw off Scotland a week ago. The alterations hardly weaken the Sporting history seems to be Australians. Swapping David

repeating itself, for the last Campese for Pat Howard, time these opponents met, a George Gregan for Sam Payne and Michael Brial for Owen Finegan is not likely to ease the Ulster burden. Denis McBride, the Ulster

captain, who is hoping to have recovered from a mouth wound sustained against Western Samoa, may take heart from a valiant display in similar circumstances in 1992. Ulster lost 35-11, but played with considerably more spirit than Ireland managed seven

Eight players from that this season after running the match will again be in opposi-eventual champions, Muntion today. Mark McCall, Maurice Field, Paddy Johns and Stephen McKinty are once more in the Ulster lineup, while the Australians returning to Ravenhill are Tim Horan, John Eales, David

Wilson and Campese. Tony Russ, the Ulster director of rugby, will not be under any illusions about the difficulty of the task that awaits his team, but he can look back on some encouraging displays ster, close in the Guinness interprovincial championship. Clearly, Australia are strong favourites, though they

will underestimate Ulster tenacity and determination at their peril. Incentives will not be lacking for the home team and the fact that the Ireland XV for the international next Saturday is being announced tomorrow will not be lost on the industrious McCall, for one.



Giles limits Academy recovery having Paul Sutherland caught behind in the final over

DEAN HEADLEY may have won most of the plaudits, but Ashley Giles, the Warwickshire left-arm spinner, is also making a big impact in the early weeks of the England A tour of Australia (a Special Correspondent writes).

He brought his haul of wickets to 14 in three four-day matches yesterday with a re-turn of four for 63 against the Australian Cricket Academy, who were dismissed for 258 on the opening day of the match in Mount Gambier.

Adam Hollioake, who elected to field, appeared to have made the right decision as the Academy slipped to 34 for three inside the opening 20 overs. Michael Dighton and Shawn Craig then added 125 runs in a fourth-wicket partnership to put their side on course for a respectable first-innings total, only for Giles to intervene decisively either side of the tea interval.

His quicker ball, which he describes as his "most potent weapon", accounted for Craig,

who was bowled for 61, an innings that included seven boundaries, while Dighton, who had been missed at slip off Glen Chapple when 36. reached 72 before he went legbefore.

Giles, who was well supported by Peter Such, brought the innings to a close by

AUSTRALIAN ACADEMY: Pirst Innings

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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-28, 3-34, 4-150, 5-164, 6-200, 7-221, 8-225, 9-257.

ENGLAND A: M A Butcher, M P Veughen, JER Getiers, O A Shein, "A J Holboeke, M A Beithern, MY K Hogg, A F Glier, G Chapple, A J Hantis, P M Such. Umpiree: A Hunter and K Russell

□ Wasim Akram, the Pakistan captain, took three wickets for 20 runs in eight overs to inspire his team's 41-run vic-tory over New Zealand in the final of the Singer Champions' Trophy in Sharjah yesterday, Akram's performance en-abled Pakistan to make a

of the day, the last seven wickets failing for 99 runs.

The Academy coach, Rod-ney Marsh, said he had been

impressed with the enthusi-

asm of the English team. "The

spinners, in particular, bowled well and there look to be

some very good players here, which is a hopeful sign for England in the future," he

successful defence of a meagre total of 160. Mark Greatbach looked likely to win the game for New Zealand when he reached 50 off 80 balls but was dismissed trying to sweep a ball from Mushtaq Ahmed.

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TENNIS: HENMAN AND RUSEDSKI MOVE RELENTLESSLY TOWARDS ANOTHER FINAL ENCOUNTER Wood tumbles to Taylor's tenacity

By ALIX RAMSAY

LIFE, so they say, is what you make it. For those on the way up, every little step on the ladder is an achievement, something to be enjoyed, to be celebrated and, if your luck holds, repeated in the near future. For those who have already made it, the constant repention puts success in a different light. Take Tim Henman and Claire Taylor, for example

Yesterday, at the Guardian Direct British national chamapionships, Taylor made her way into the final for the first time, beating Clare Wood, the defending champion, 4-6, 6-2, 7-5. In the overall scheme of things, the victory did her no good. There are no worldranking points on offer, the prize-money is paltry com-pared with the rich pickings on the Women's Tennis Association tour, while to become the British women's champion does not merit a huge entry in the curriculum vitae.

No matter: Taylor was delighted. This time last year. she lost to Wood, the former British No 1, in the first round, so another crack offered Tayfor the chance to prove herself. It was not the greatest of matches, by any means. With 14 breaks of service, the most consistent aspect of each player's game was her ability to give up the ghost. However, Taylor stuck to it, fought back from 5-3 down in the third set and shrieked and squealed her

way to victory. Taylor has obviously been reading the instruction manuals on how to become a professional sportsman and has the patter mastered. She

PING

is feeling good about the way she is playing, she takes each point as it comes - in fact, she was concentrating so hard on the point in hand that she had no idea that she was losing in the final set. There is a lot that escapes Taylor when she is thinking about tennis.

The fact that she grunts as she plays came as a surprise. I don't know how loud I am, I just want to hit the ball so hard my opponent can't get it back." she said. The constant banter with herself and the crowd just "sort of happened" over the past couple of weeks. "If I've done something bad, I have to tell myself, and if I do something well. I have to congratu-late myself," she offered as the only explanation.

Even the fact that she spends hours commuting from her home in Banbury to the see her coach, Leighton Alfred, in Nottingham, does not bother her. "I get in my car, whack on the music and forget I'm driving," she said.

Contemplation does not feature large in Taylor's life, but she more than makes up for it in enthusiasm. "I'm just so pumped up when I'm on court," she said.

Taylor plays Julie Pullin in the final today Pullin. another recent recruit to the Alfred coaching fold, put paid to Lucie Ahl's hopes, winning 6-1, 6-4. She sped through the first set, but then faltered slightly in the second, missing six match points before she

could secure the victory. Henman, however, seldom looks enthused about anything. An awfully English



Taylor winds up a forehand during her semi-final victory over Wood yesterday. Photograph: Gary Prior/Allsport

control a whole new meaning. Yesterday, he waltzed past Nick Gould 6-1, 6-3 to meet Chris Wilkinson in the semifinal today. Armed with a new racket, he is making his way towards his scheduled appointment with Greg Rusedski in the final tomorrow.

"It's a healthy rivalry between us," Henman said. "In the previous two matches, I'm sure he hasn't enjoyed losing and sure. I'm keen to win. I'd very much like to win the tournament, but, if I don't, I'm not going to lose any sleep

over it. I'm fairly relaxed

about it." Life at the top can do that for you.

Rusedski, meanwhile, was happy enough to have walloped Tom Spinks 6-3, 6-0, but the brave new dawns of British tennis came unstuck. Jamie Delgado, once tipped as a hope for the future, threw

away an early chance to beat Chris Wilkinson and lost 2-6. 6-0. 9-7. while Andrew Richardson, tipped for greatness by Rusedski a couple of days ago, was beaten by Paul Robinson, 1-6, 7-6, 9-7.

GOLF: STEADY PUTTING GIVES BRITON SHARE OF THE LEAD WITH OZAKI IN PHOENIX TOURNAMENT

Westwood progresses along the right lines

IN MIYAZAKI, JAPAN

LEE WESTWOOD, a young man at the beginning of his career, continued to share top billing with the more established names after the second round of the Dunlop Phoenix tournament on the southern island of Kyushu bere

Out in 32, four under par. Westwood wobbled a little coming home but still manunder, to share the lead with Jumbo Ozaki on 135, one shot ahead of Tom Watson.

Westwood showed no sign of being overawed by the company he was keeping and it is to his advantage that he has something that Watson, a golfing legend, and Ozaki, Japanese celebrity, covet beyond riches and titles. The Englishman 23, has a putting stroke to die for, a solidity over the knee knocking three and four-footers that the other two forties, realise they have lost for ever.

"Lee is a very good putter," Ozaki, who is seeking to win his third successive Dunlop title and bring up a century of tour victories, said, "I'm impressed." And envious. On another sunny day, a

faint westerly breeze and tricky pin positions made the course more difficult and Westwood felt he had not played as well as the day before, "I tended to hole more aged a round of 68, three men, who are both in their late putts for par than for birdie." ra Davies struggled to main-

he said, although he managed three birdies in a row from the

Tom Lehman, the Open champion, recorded a total of 134, a tournament record, to win the 36-hole PGA Grand Slam of Golf in Hawaii. Lehman started the final

round of nine holes with a onestroke lead over Nick Faldo, and Steve Jones. He birdied the 10th to open a two-stroke Catriona Matthew and Lau-

tain their form as Jane Crafter took the lead after the second round of the Australian Ladies' Masters on the Gold Coast. Crafter shot a 65 for a total of 134 and a two-stroke lead over Matthew. Davies was a shot further back.

Great Britain were in sixth place after two rounds of the men's world amateur team championship in the Philippines. Australia lead Canada

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Path clear for global competition to start

IN BRIEF

THE Super League's final legal victory yesterday, after its 40-month court battle with the Australian Rugby League (ARL), means that the world club championship, involving all 22 Super League clubs in England, France, Australia and New Zealand, will start next summer (Christopher irvine writes).

The last legal avenue open to the ARL to contest the Super League's recent victory in the Federal Court in Sydney was blocked when three judges in the High Court of Australia denied the ARL leave to appeal. As a result, the ten-team Super League in Australasia will run in direct competition to the 12 teams in the ARL Premiership next year.

The world club championship will be launched in Leeds on Wednesday as the most ambitious international club compeniion in sporting hist-ory. The 11 English Super League clubs and Paris Saint-Germain are expected to play at least three matches at home against Australasian sides and three more in Australia and New Zealand during breaks in the domestic Super League calendar.

Repeat final

Rugby union: The Celtic Barbarians will meet New Zealand in the final of the World Rugby Classic for the fourth successive year in Bermuda today. Three tries from Keith Crossan, the former Ireland wing, helped the Barbarians to a 38-19 victory over Canada in the semi-finals yesterday.

Hat-trick bid

Rowing: Peter Haining will be aiming for a third successive win in the Thames World Sculling Challenge from Putney to Mortlake to-day when his rivals will be Karsten Nielsen, of Denmark. and Merlin Vervoorn, of

Steelers lose

Ice hockey: Sheffield Steelers made a disappointing start to their European Cup semi-final round in Hameenlinna, Finland, yesterday, when they led against the Norwegian cham-pions, Storhamar, but lost 7-5. | stop," he said.

EQUESTRIANISM

Chesney returns home in triumph

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR IN MILLSTREET, CO CORK

JESSICA CHESNEY, making a rare visit to her native Ireland, was a popular winner of the opening international class here yesterday on the French-bred stallion Laudatus, a newcomer to her German-based string. It was her first success at the show since her euphoric victory on Diamond Exchange in the inaugural Irish Volvo World

Cup qualifier in 1992. In a breathtaking display against the clock, Chesney. who moved to Germany two years ago because "there weren't the opportunities in Ireland", completed the 12fence course nearly six seconds ahead of the runner-up, Anton Martin Bauer, of Austria, on Remus Equo.

"He's a very fast and careful horse but he's still inexperienced," Chesney said of the 11year-old Laudatus, who is owned by her sponsor, Gerd Kraft, of the St Ludwig stud in Germany. Britain's best fin-isher was Michael Whitaker, who took fourth place on Ashley, his 1995 Foxhunter winner, which he rides in the Volvo World Cup qualifier tonight.

William Funnell also confirmed the form of his leading horse. Comex. for the event tonight when he took seventh place with a stylish clear round. Nick Skelton, in common with many of the riders in the class, used the event as a schooling round but still managed tenth place on Tinka's Boy. "He's only seven and I don't want to push him unnecessarily," Skelton said.

No warm-up class is necessary for Skelton's mount tonight, Dollar Girl, the winner of the 1994 Millstreet qualifier and 1995 World Cup. "She's 16 now and there's no point wasting her energy in smaller classes. She's not the spooky type so she can go straight into the big events," he said. Skelton disclosed yesterday that the mare, on which he has won £605,000 since he took her over from Thomas Fuchs, the Swiss rider, in 1992, is near to retirement. "I don't want to drop her down a 4-1 in their opening match | level, so the day that she can't do it any more at the top she'll

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HELLENG LEAGUE: Premier division: Bocasia v Banbury, Burnham v Endsleigh, Fairlord v Turthey, Highworth v Swindon: Supermanner, Lambourn Sporis v Carterion, North Leigh v Shortwood.
UHLSPORT UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bourne v Kempston Desborough Newport Pagnet, Egnebury v Boston, Ford Sporia v Cogenhoe, Holbesch v Northampson Spenger, Miness Backstone v Storloid. Wellingborough v S and L Corby, Wooston v S Neds, Cup: Second round: Long Buckby v Spalding: Potton v Stamlord.
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S v Worcestero: David Lloyd v Coleshil, Highgale v Alvechurch, Knowle v King's Heath, Mer NA v Wetlesbourne BANKS'S BREWERY LEAGUE: Premier division: Cradley Town v Blownch S. Twicele v Support S: Wetsall Wood v Briefley Hill T, Wegneried v Nakem T, Westhalds v Lye Town.

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Alberton Colleges v Glossop North End. Backgool Rovers v Penth. Bootle v St Helens. Cutheros v Manne Road. Nicisgrove v Derwen: Mossley v Rossendele. Namwich v Chadderlort. Prescot cables v Vauchall GM, Sallord v Holler Old Boys. Trafford v Busscough NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Cup: Second round: Ashleid v Garforth. Beiger Yown v Glesshoughton Wel. Bedworth Wellar v Harifeld Mem. Brog Town v Liversedge. Brodsworth MW v Ossett Town. Denaby v Hallant Glabwell v Pickerng. Hell Rd Rgrs v Seby. Huckard v Amold. Louth v Eccleshil. Pontelnat. Colleries v Mahrby MW. Rossington Mein v Boorswesh V.S. Shallied v Amminorpa Wellare. Thackley v N Ferriby. Worsbrough Bridge v Hamogals RA, Yorkshire Amateurs v Ossett Alborn. FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Billingham v Scotlort Durham v Crook, Easington v Morpeth, Murton v Shildort South Shettis v Whichham. Tow Law v Seaham Red Star, West Auckland v Gussborough PRESS AND JOURNAL HIGH-LAND LEAGUE: Rora v Clachnacuddin: Buckle Thiste v Lossemouth. Forts Mechanics v Cover Namn County v Frasenburgh. Peterheyd v Deveronsele, Wick Academy v Aberystwyth: Briton Ferry v Rhysysder. BP Fersi Heav V.

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WELSH FA CUP: Third round: Bridgend v.
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Pertire. Caerswa's Vangor Chy. Carl Druids.

v. Ebbw Vale. Cernees Bay v. Porthmadog.
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Cwrthzen. Grange Curla v. Llansell, Holyweil

v. Taff's. Well. Llansantifrand. v. Barry.
Newtoun v. Meessley Park: Porthcaw v.
Corneirs Quey Normads, Porth Tywyn v. Lex.

XJ. Port Tabor v. Weishpool.

WOMEN'S. INTERNATIONAL. MATCH;
Scottand v. Wales, (et Ayr United FC)

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Cheriton v Gillingham (11.0). Fulhem v Chelses (11.0): Loswich v Arsenal (11.0); Mitwell v Norwich (11.0). Porsmouth v Leyton Orent (11.0), Cuternam v West Ham (11.0), Second division: Barnet v Tottenham (11.0). Second division: Barnet v Tottenham (11.0). Bournemouth v Luten (11.0). Brantion v Colchester (11.0). Brantion v Southampion (11.0). Bristol City v Reading (11.0). Crystal Palace v Birsto Rovers (11.0). Wimbledon v Swindon (11.0). Wycombe v Oxford Utd (11.0) (11 0). Wimbledon v Swindon (11 0). Wycombe v Oxford Utk (11 0)
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SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: First division: Carshalton v Norsemen, Carl Service v Old Actorians: Old Estrameians v Polytechnic, South Bank, v West Wickham SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: Senior one Albaman v Wison. St Mary's Coll v Hale End Ath, Ulysses v Wardsworth Bor OTHER MATCH: Grays Amietic v Arsenal XI End Ath, Unyases v Wandsworm por OTHER MATCH: Grays Athletic v Arsenal XI SCHOOLS MATCHES (luck-oil 10.30) unless stated! English Schools Fur Film Trophy: Third round: Betop Audidand v Rochdale (12.0). Cardit v Stough (11.0). Coverty v Burningram Darrington v Rossendale (11.0). Derby v Wolvenhampton. Gesport v Med and South Warwicks (1.30). Infley knowstey v North Tynascis; Everpool v Traitord, Manchester v Hatton. Newham v Croydon Rectorder v North Tynascis; Everpool v Traitord, Manchester v Hatton. Newham v Croydon Rectorder v North Tynascis; Everpool v Traitord, Manchester v Hatton. Newham v Croydon Rectorder v North Tynascis; Everpool v Traitord, Manchester v Hatton. Newham v Croydon Rectorder v South Cheston v Barnsley. Sheffield v Carisle South East Susses v Islandon (11.0). South Cheston v North Yorks Under-18: Cumbria v North Yorks Under-18: Essex Johnson Cup: Barking v Haveing (10.0) London Gill Cup: Islandon v Newham South London v Thurnock. London Crisp Shield: Newham v Brent Cotsmold Lasquer, Newham v Brent Cotsmold Lasquer, Newham v Brent Cotsmold Lasquer, Newboury v Gloussier. Micholon v Redardor v Strewbeath Trophy: South London v Blackheath Thurnock v Redardog Haugh Trophy: North Kent v Biggron Lancaster Cup: Semi-finat Kingston v Cryston Alcock Cup. Wirtel v Fini West Midlands Lasque: Wolverhampton v Strewboury. West Yorkshire Lasque: Hull v Walvefield. Vermon Lasquer: Hull v Walvefield. Vermon v Crusby Kirtby v Waral TUC Trophy: Newcaster v

HOCKEY

NASTRO AZZURRO LEAGUE: Premier League: Anchonans v Woking, Beckerham v Turchoige Weiss Farenam v Wimbledon. Gore Coul v High Wroottibe Hampstead and Westmanster v Astrono Mandenneed v Cid Whispfans Old Kingstonans v Chichester Photonoid v Ramgathia, Spencer v Wokinghams of Kingstonans v Chichester Photonoid v Ramgathia, Spencer v Wokinghams Withchester v Bournemouth Hampsthea/Surrey: Barnes v Blandford Camberley: Premished Prosmouth v Old Camberley: Premished Prosmouth v Old Camberlans Dulwich v Goan Purley v Andover. Walton and Welvondge v Souchampton, Cheam v London Innerstry Old Waccumans v Orded. Epsom v Basingstole Onstite v Cold Mid-Whightlans Kent/Sussec Ashlord v Longs Bank Bevedere v Eastbourne, Bestey Invota v Worthing Blackheath v Beverleath Enghlori v Bognor. Hemb Bay v Tuse Hull Horshem v Old Hickomheams Marden Russets v Ind Stonens and Cold Williamsoniams MiddlyBeria/Blucks and Obort Eigsches v Amerisant Coly of Ordord v Stanes Eastboure v Newbury. Gerards Onts v Fichnick Park, Harrow v Surbury: Hayes v Old I Madow v Headington Mid-Hel PHC Chiswish. Midner harbourne v North Covertiv and North Warworks v Kharsa. Hampton-or-Anden v Longhborough Studens, Harbourne v Northon Covertiv and North Warworks v Kharsa. Hampton-or-Anden v Longhborough Studens, Harbourne v Northon Covertiv and North Warworks v Kharsa. Hampton-or-Anden v Longhborough Studens, Harbourne v Northon Springletos v Stefael Bankers, Swelliell v Derstonough Town v Bishop's Stortland Redbindge on illington. Election Town v Hurtlingdon, Cld Southendian v Wassold?

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TOMORROW

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FC, 201 FA WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Northern division: Particular v Molvenarripton; Geraudod Si Helená v Aston Ville; Hudelershald v Blydn Spartane; Steffield Wednesday v Alora County Southern division; Berkhamstead v Ipawoh; Lenglorid v Waterhawk, Coldrof Res v Brighten and Hover. Three Bridges v Town and County; Wimbledon v Leyton Orlens.

Under-21 international match Ireland v New Zeeland News (at Thomond Park, Limerick, 2.30)

Brive v Llanelli (1.45) HOCKEY

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NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division:
Beriord Tipere v Hounstow (at Holyhead Leasure Centre, 1.0). Quietilord v Soutingste (at lung's Menor School, 12.0); Old Loughtoners v Cartock (at Chuged), 13.0); Reading v East Grinstead (at Sorning Lene, 2.0); Sunicion v Carterbusy (at Suggier Road, 2.30), Teddington v Havent (at Dukes Meadow, Chisach, 12.0); First division; Beeston v St. Atoms (at Highleids, Nothinghem, 2.0); Suniciper V Havent (at Highleids, Nothinghem, 2.0); Sucheart v Stumport (at Highleids, Nothinghem, 2.0); Buserts (at Highleids, Nothinghem, 2.0); Buserts (at Highleids, Nothinghem, 2.0); Buserts (at School, Edglasston, 2.30), Borney v Warregion (at Pricy Lessure Centre, Orpington, 1.0); Brookends v Harteston Megpees (at Georges Road, Sale, 2.0); Cay of Portamouth v Goucester Chy (at Alexandra Park, Portismouth, 1.30), Crossyu v Frebrands (at Bernsamorpe, 2.0); Hull v Oxford Hawks (at Hut University SC, 2.0);

Isca v Sheffield (at Eveter School 1230); Lewes v Oxford University list Southdown Cuto. 20) WOMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES. England XI v Sutton Canada Life (at Litechal). 230), England Undar 21 XI v Ealing (at Estem Abbey, 230), England Under 21 XI v Wimbledon (at Bisham Abbey, 230) WOMEN'S WEISH LEAGUE; Caroff Ath-letic v Caroff Indiget Haverdowes v

(Notingham).

ICE HOCKEY: European Cup: Semi-final round-robin: Polymin Notiopolessk (Fin) v Sheffield (3:30). Superleague: Newcastle v Basnostoke (5:30); Mancheste v Ayr (6:0), Caddi v Atrongham (6:0); PEAL TENNIS: Brisch Open championships (Duepn's Cub). (Ousen's Cub)
SNOOKER: Uk championship (al Preston)
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TENNIS: Guardian Direct national championships (at Taiford)
YOLLEYBALL: National League: Women:
First division: Sations v Esses (2:15),
Guidford v London (2:30), Liverpool v
Loughtporough (12:45); Sheffield v Britannia
(1:0)

Swanses v Cardiff Ath. Cardiff Insiture v Pontycrott
WOMEN'S CLUB MATCHES: Bath v Exister. Business v Hendon. Boudlen v Hamogale. Cambridge University v Cambridge Chy. Earling v Cambridge University v Cambridge Chy. Earling v Cambridge Chy. Earling v Cambridge Chy. Earling v Cambridge Chy. Earling v Read of Winchester. Horsham v Maddenhead, Hourshos v Readong Leichworth v Bethorth Long Buckby v Peterboro: Lucin v Bedford, Norwort City v Harfeston. Did Loughtonisms v Ipsach 1, R and G v Allanta Sevenoda v Hampion Southgrape v Winnersdon. Stames v Orlord Hawks. Surbition v Tuke Hill. Warmington v Maccuelaidd Weltym V Teddington. Wycombe Riye v Famham Common.

BITIGEV LEAGLIC RADMINTON: International match: England RUGBY LEAGUE Ruck-off 2:30

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Premier division: Dudley Hill v Leigh Miners
Hewerth v Sedsteworth. Loci Lane v
Beverley. Optimen St Anne's v Mayfield.
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East Loeds. Second division: Devisionity
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BASKETBALL BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Manchester v BUDWEISER (7.30) Newcaste (7.30) CLASSIC COLA NATIONAL CUP: Quar-ver-final: Trames Velicy v Leopards (8.0)

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Nottingham v Richmond (3 0)
Rothermam v Moseley (2.15)
Rugby v Waterloo (3 0) Third division

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Fylide v Exeter
Havant v Wharrledale
Liverpool St Helens v Rosstyn Park
Morley v Leeds (3 0).
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Walsall v Uxdrev Fourth division north Aspaina v Sloke-on-Treni Hereford v Manchester

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North Walsham v Newbury
Tabard v Plymouth
Weston-super-Mare v Beny Hit (3.0) SOUTH WEST: First division: Broham v Cambonne: Gioucester Old Boys v Bridgwater Maidenhead v Stroud, St Ives v Barnstable, Salisbury v Matson. Torquay v

LAUNCESION
LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: First di-LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: First di-vision: Harlow & Basingstoke, Norwich & Russlip, Southend v Thurtock, Staines v Guidderg and Godalmong, Sudhury v Esher, Sutton and Epsom v Old Colleans MIDLANDS: First division: Derby v Burnon, Hinckley & Broadstreet: Learmington v Beigrave, Lagition Bucgard v Barvers Butts, Mansfield v Wolvethampton, Soun-thorpe v Whitchurch, Stafford v Westleigh: Stockwood Park v Syston NORTH: First division: Hull konans v Bndlington, Sedgley Park v Widnes, Stock-ton v Broughton Park, Tythedale v Maccles-ted Wigton v New Bnghon, West Park, Bramhope v Bradford and Bingley

SNOOKER: UK championship (of Presion SWIMMENG. British Grand Prv (#1 TENNIS: Guardian Direct national championships (at Tellord)

VOLLEYBALL: National League. Men: Pirst division: Ealing v. Whitefield. (7-0) Lemsham v. Warundi. (2-30), Liverpool v. Tooting (5-30), Leeds v Stoke (1-0) Wetses v. Crotion. (6-30). Women: First division. Leeds v. Birmingham. (4-0).

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THE TIMES GUIDE TO THE PREMIERSHIP THIS WEEKEND

ARSENAL

Arsenal are looking prolific in attack, in the image of a revitalised Ian Wright, but are less impressive in defence. Though they eventually crushed Stoke 5-2 in

a Coca-Cola Cup third-round replay in midweek, it took them a surprisingly long time to get going. Stoke not only scored twice against, them but sometimes exposed their lack of pace in defence. Arsenal, still lacking a creator in midfield, would do well to buy Georgi Kinkladze, of Manchester City.

DERBY COUNTY

Derby lay the foundation stone at their new ground tomorrow. which will be their home from the start of next season. Indeed. activities at Pride Park may prove more entertaining than those at the Baseball Ground, two miles away, when, without the suspended Igor Stimac, they entertain Middlesbrough tomorrow. Attractions include a tour of the new ground via CD-Rom. "Our plans are based around moving there as a Premiership club," Peter Gadsby, the vice-chairman, said.

ASTON VILLA

Brian Little's relaxed, affable demeanour has been sorely tes-ted of late, what with Savo Milosevic's on-off move to Perugia, "Basil" Bosnich's appearance before the FA and rumours of the impending sale of Mark Draper. Of deeper concern, though, are Little's efforts to capture Stan Collymore, a pompous, perplexing character who feels he is much too good for Liverpool reserves. Just the type of player to restore peace, harmony and camaraderie at Villa Park.

EVERTON

Neville Southall has seen off another pretender to his crown as Everton No I. James Speare, a promising teenager, has been told he can leave Goodison Park on a free transfer after both he and Paul Gerrard, a summer signing from Oldham Athletic, failed to displace the 38 year-old. "We believe Jamie has a bright future in the game but he's of a similar age to Gertard,"
Joe Royle, the manager, said. "Paul is also waiting for his chance. The sooner James gets fixed up, the better."

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY David Pleat is lining up

mind. "We've got to look up front because

we have not exactly been prolific." he said

yesterday. To that end, the Wednesday

manager took in a World Cup qualifier between Cyprus and Israel last weekend.

His target? Probably Ronan Harazi, the Israel forward, who impressed. Hirst

misses the match with Forest on Monday.

SUNDERLAND

£12 million. Right now though, Peter Reid's

side, who visit Tottenham today, seem poised to struggle without the suspended

Richard Ord and his injured understudy,

Lee Howey. Without suitable reinforce-Sunderland will surely continue

their slide down the table and few

supporters, let alone blue-chip companies.

will be queuing to buy shares.

Humphreys stands by.

another signing, and it does not take a rocket scientist to work

out that he has a forward in

Sunderland have confirmed that they are planning a pre-

Christmas stock market flota-

tion, expected to raise around

BLACKBURN ROVERS A vote of confidence for the

temporary manager, but he doesn't want it. Tony Parkes is happy enough to fill in while Blackburn Rovers search for a new manager, but when Robert Coar, the chairman, offered his full backing yesterday, it was politely declined. "I don't want the job. I have said that all along and I will not be changing my mind," he said. Georgiou Donis is the only doubt for the visit of Chelsea, so Damien Duff, a

LEEDS UNITED

teenager, stands by.

George Graham has still to make a signing, after nine weeks as manager. It is not for want of trying. I have been all over the place, just about every country in Europe, and most league grounds," he said. In the meantime, Ian Rush will continue to fill in on the right of midfield. He is philosophical, even though he would dearly like to resume normal front-line service against his old club today. "I would even play at left back if it meant getting a first room pame." he said.

DM first-team game," he said.

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CHELSEA

It is a pity that Gianfranco Zola cannot make his debut for Chelsea at Stamford Bridge, but if he does play at Black-burn, as expected, he should not have too much difficulty settling in alongside his two fellow Italians, Gianluca Vialli and Roberto Di Matteo. Certairily he will play up front It remains to be seen whether Rund Guilit dares to use a three-man attack. Mark Hughes would presumably be the odd man out but, as Gullit says, Hughes has been in convincing form recently.

LEICESTER CITY

Brian Little still motivates Leicester, even though he left to manage Aston Villa two years ago. The sides meet at Villa Park this afternoon and Mike Whitlow, the wing back, has mixed feelings about his last visit. Leicester recovered from going 4-1 down to draw 4-4, but Whillow sai out the second half with a cut eye. "I think we want to impress Brian, although he is not in charge any more." Whitlow said. His view was exhoed by Steve Walsh, the captain, who faces a late fitness test. RH

COVENTRY CITY Just when he thought it could

not get any worse ... Only three days after the Coca-Cola-Cup humiliation against Gillingham. Gordon Strachan takes his shocked troops to Wimbledon this aftersnocked troops to Wimbledon this after-noon. It is Strachan's Premiership bow as a manager, after Ron Arkinson's sudden move upstairs, and, at 39, he is also likely to play an active role on the pitch. As Big Ron uttered memorably last season: "The never known anyone as fit as him at that age, except perhaps Racquel Welch."

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LIVERPOOL

The Collymore saga drags on, but probably not for much longer. Aston Villa have aiready tabled a £4.5 million bid, which will be increased, but only when they receive the transfer fee for Milosevic. Liverpool are prepared to sell Collymore at lower than cost price, for the sake of squad harmony, which was seriously disrupted by his refusal to play for the reserves. Redknapp and Ruddock, who did turn out for the second string, are in contention for the trip to Leeds today.

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MANCHESTER UNITED

Ryan Giggs returns against Arsenal, and Alex Ferguson believes that will prove something of a turning point in United's stuttering season. "We have defi-nitely lacked balance on the left, and that has caused us problems. Giggs's return should make a big difference," he said. Ferguson is reluctant to use injuries as an excuse for United's poor run, so he turned to diplomacy instead. "The Premiership is so ferocious, you always get injuries." he

MIDDLESBROUGH

Where will Emerson lay his hat this weekend? Conflicting reports on Teesside predicted that the Brazilian will either continue on walkabout in Rio de Janeiro - he has allegedly been visiting a sick aunt or belatedly return to England for talks with Bryan Robson and Steve Gibson, the manager and chairman. Meanwhile, Nigel Pearson and Phil Stamp face late fitness tests before the trip to Derby tomorrow and Craig Hignett and Alan Moore await recalls.

NEWCASTLE UNITED

A chorus strikes up every time Alan Shearer turns up at Newcastle's training ground. "He's a walking miracle," his team-mates sing. Shearer is back in full training just three weeks after a hernia operation that would keep a mere mortal sidelined for two months. He will travel next week to Metz on Uefa Cup duty, but is not expected to play. No injury problems for the visit of West Ham today, and Faustino Asprilla gets another opportunity to show he is worth a regular place. DM

NOTTINGHAM FOREST

Frank Clark, the manager, is turning to Scandinavia as he attempts to strengthen his squad. Their season has finished and it is possible to pick up good players on loan, he said. However, Clark has already been rebuffed by Andreas Bild, has already been rebuffed by Andreas Bild, the Swedish midfield player with Osters Vaigo. Forest clearly need new faces from somewhere but the best Clark can hope for on Monday, when they face Sheffield Wednesday, is the return of Kevin Campbell from injury.

SOUTHAMPTON Graeme Souness was pleased

to come through a tricky Coca-Cola Cup replay in midweek on a cold night for his foreign players. Lincoln couldn't stay with our passing." Sources said. Le Tissier, the only casualty, with an ankle injury, has travelled with the squad for the game at Everton today. Meanwhile Ali Ja, a Senegal interna-tional forward, is training with Southamp-ton after a recommendation from George Weah, who played with him at Paris Saint-Germain.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR

Alan Sugar, the Tottenham chairman, faced a public grilling when he attended the club's annual meeting on Thursday, "One lad wouldn't join because his girl-

but nevertheless managed to emerge from the experience showing signs of remark-ably rude health. "You'd be amazed why: players won Lsign for us. It's not just about money," he said, without a flicker of a smile. friend told him that, in England, the spaghetti was too soft and the coffee wasn't strong enough."

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WEST HAM UNITED The pitfalls of a foreign policy

are never experienced more than in post-international week, and they have caught up with Harry Redknapp. The West Ham manager has found himself three short -Rieper. Porfirio and Lazaridis all returned with injuries and are sidelined, along with Hall and Williamson. It is not easy to find 16 players for the weekend," Redknapp said yesterday. "You can't win if you have five of your best players missing." Still, it's only Newcastle United away.

Reports: Brian Glanville, Peter Ball, Russell Kempson, Richard Hobson, Louise Taylor, Nick Szczepantk,



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Joe Kinnear, the manager, has used Coca-Cola Cup ties to give first-team outings to underemployed squad members, and so far it has worked — just. Late goals from Castledine and Fear saw Wimbledon through in the third-round replay at Luton

on Tuesday. Saving the energy of first-choice players for Premiership games is the other reason — but priorities might change.
"Would I rest players at AC Milan to save them for Coventry on a Saturday?" Kinnear mused. "We'll have to see." NS

WIMBLEDON



ASTON VILLA v LEICESTER CITY



TICKETS: Seets available 10-YEAR RECORD: 2-0, 2-1, --, --, --, --, --, 4-4, --

HOW THEY LINE UP ASTON VILLA (from): M. Cakes, F. Netson, T. Wright, C. Tiler, G. Southgate, U. Ehiogu, A. Townsend, I. Taylor, S. Curcic, D. Yorke, T. Johnson, M. Draper, J. Joachim, G. Farretiy, R. Scirneca, A. Rachel.

LEICESTER CITY (from) K Keller, S Grayson, M Whittow, J Watts, S Walsh, C Hill, S Prior, N Lennon, S Taylor, S Clandge, E Heskey, M tizet, G Parker, J Lawrence, N Lewis S Stater, P Kaamark, S Campbell, S Wilson, K Poole



TICKETS: Sold out 10-YEAR RECORD: 2-0, 0-0, 1-1, 4-1, 0-1, 1-1, 0-0, 1-0, 3-0, 1-0

HOW THEY LINE UP MANCHESTER UNITED (from): P Schmeichel, G Neville, P Neville, D Irwin, D May, R Johnsen, D Beckham, N Butt, R Giggs. E Caritona, J Cruyft, O G Solskjaer, P Scholes, K Poborsky, R van der Gouw

ARSENAL (from): D Seaman, L Dixon, N Winterburn, A Adams, S Bould, M Keown, R Parlour, P Vierra, D Platt, P Merson, I Wright, D Bergleamp, S Morrow, J Lukic, A Linighan, P Shaw, M Rose

LEADING SCORERS

10: | Wright (Arsenal) 8: M Le Tissier (Southampton) 7: F.Ravanelli (Middlesbrough), L.Ferdinand (Newcastle United), A.Shearer (Newcastle United) 6: E.Ekolou (Wirmbledon), G.Vialli (Chelsea) 5: D Yorke (Aston Villa), A Booth (Sheffield Wednesday), C Armstrong (Tottenham Hotspur), R Earle (Wirnbledon), M Gayle (Wirnbledon)

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BLACKBURN ROVERS v 🧳 CHELSEA



TICKETS: Seats available

10-YEAR RECORD: --, --, 1-1, --, --, 2-0, 2-0, 2-1, 3-0 HOW THEY LINE UP BLACKBURN ROVERS (trom) T Flowers, J Kenna, H Berg, C Hendry, G Le Saux, T Sherwood, G Flitteroft, W McKinlay, K Gallacher, C Sutton, J Wilcox, S Gwen, L Bohmen, S Ripley, G Fenton, N Marker, G Croft, C Desert

CHELSEA (from): K Hitchcock F Gredas, R Gulfit, N Colgan, D Petrescu, S Clarke, F Leboeul, R Di Matteo, G Zola, G Vialli, M Hughes, J Spencer D Wise, S Minto, F Sinclair, T Phelan, E Newton, C Burlay, M Duberry



NEWCASTLE UNITED v WEST HAM UNITED

TICKETS: Solid out

10-YEAR RECORD: 4-0, 2-1, 1-2, 2-1, 1-1, ---, 2-0, 2-0, 2-0, 3-0, HOW THEY LINE UP

NEWCASTLE UNITED (from): P Smitoek, W Barton, J Beresford, D Batty, D Peacock, R Lee, P Beardsley, L Ferdinand, F Asprilla, R Elfott, D Ginola S Histop, K Giflespie, S Welson, P Albert, P Kitson. WEST HAM UNITED (hom). L Miklosko, T Breacker, S Bilic, J Dicks, F Lampard, I Dowle, S Jones, M Hughes, M Bowen, P Futre, I Dumitrescu, S Potts P Shilton, J Moncur, I Bishop, F Raduciou.



DERBY COUNTY v MIDDLESBROUGH



TICKETS: Seats available 10-YEAR RECORD: -, -, 1-0, -, -, 2-0, -, 0-1, 0-1, --.

HOW THEY LINE UP DERBY COUNTY (from). R Hoult, G Rowell, C Powell, D Powell, D Yates, P McGrath, J Laursch, A Asanovic, A Ward, D Sturfidge, C Dailly, S Rynn, L Carsley, P Simpson, R Willerms, M Carbon, M Taylor.

MIDDLESBROUGH (from): G Waish, N Cox, P Whetan, S Vickers, D Whyte, G Fleming, C Morris, R Mustoe, A Moore, C Hignett, Juninho. M Beck, F Revanelli, J A Fjortoff, M Summarbell. A Gampbell.



EVERTON v SOUTHAMPTON

TICKETS: Seats available 10-YEAR RECORD: 3-0, 1-0, 4-1, 3-0, 3-0, 0-1, 2-1, 1-0, 0-0, 2-0,

HOW THEY LINE UP EVERTON (from): N Southall, E Berrett, C Short, D Watson, D Unisworth, A Hinchcliffe, A Kanchelskis, G Spead, G Stuart, D Ferguson, N Barmby, J Parkinson, P Gerrard, M Branch, G Allen.

SOUTHAMPTON (from): C Woods, U van Gobbet, C Lundekvern, R Dryden, K Monkou, J Dodd, A Neilson, E Berkovic, M Le Tissier, E Ostenstad, G Watson, J Magitton, M Oakley, R Stater, D Beasant.



HOW THEY LINE UP
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (from): 1 Walker, E Baardsen, S Carr, D Austen, C Calderwood, S Campbell, S Nethercott, of Edinburgh, C Wisson, D Howells, A Nielsen, J Dozzeli, R Rosenthai; E Sheringham, C Armstrong, D Anderton, A Sinton, R Allen,

SUNDERLAND (from): L Perez, D Preece, G Hall, M Scott, D Kubicki, A Melville, M Gray, K Ball, P Bracewell, S Agnew, A Rae, D Kelly, P Stewart, M Bridges, J Mullin, M Smith, C Russell, S Aiston.

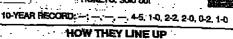


HOW THEY LINE UP SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (from). K Pressman, M Clarke, P Atherton, D Stelenovic, J Newsome, S Cakes, D Weller, I Nolar, S Nicol, G Whittingham, G Hyde, M Pembridge, R Blinker, R Rumphreys, A Booth, M Bright, D Hirst, M Williams, O Trustful.

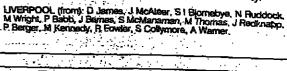
NOTTINGHAM FOREST (from): M. Crossley, A. Fettis, D. Lyttle, A.I. Healand, C. Cooper, N. Jerken, S. Chettle, S. Pearce, D. Phillips, C. Bart-Williams, S. Germinill, C. Alten, I. Woon, K. Cempbell, D. Saunders, P. McGregor, J. Lee, S. Howe, B. Roy, S. Blathetwick.



LEEDS UNITED V LIVERPOOL TICKETS: Sold out



LEEDS UNITED (from): N Martyn, G Kelly, D Wetherall, P Seesley, L Radebe, I Rush, M Ford, L Bowyer, L Sharpe, B Deane, R Wallace, C Palmer, A Couzens, I Harte, H Kewell, M Jackson, M Besney.





WIMBLEDON V COVENTRY CITY

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10-YEAR RECORD: 2-1, 1-2, 0-1, 0-0, 1-0, 1-1, 1-2, 1-2, 2-0, 0-2 HOW THEY LINE UP WMBLEDON (from): N. Sußiven, K. Cumbgham, D. Blackwell, A. Kimble, C. Perry, N. Ardley, S. Castledine, P. Feer, M. Gayle, A. Clarke, D. Holdsworth, M. Harford, E. Ekoku, A. Reeves, V. Jones, O. Leonhardsen, R. Earle, P. Heald, B. Murphy.

COVENTRY CITY (from): S Ogržovic, B Borrows, L Datsh, P Williams, R Shaw, D Burrows, P Tetler, K Richardson, G McAllister, J Salako, E Jess, D Dublin, N Whelan, P Ndlovu, G Strachao, W Boland, M O'Neill, J Filan

WHEN TO WATCH ON TELEVISION

10.40pm SBC.1 Match of the Day (high@cins) 1 am Sky Sports Goals on Sunday

3om Sky Sports Ford Escort Super Sunday Derby County v Bloblesbrough (live)

Leighton builds revival on family matters

gold medal for Jim keeper in their history to reach 75 caps, and then had to thank him for four defiant saves that, last weekend, enabled Scotland to beat Sweden in a World Cup qualifying match. As Leighton, now Hibernian's goalkeeper, prepares for the Edinburgh derby today, how many people, north and south of the border, realise how this man's life and times in the game represents a triumph for family values.

Leighton, cruelly dropped by Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager. w between the drawn 1990 FA Cup Final and the replay, who dropped a clanger of his own in the World Cup against Brazil in Turin a month later and was then shunned by the entire professional game for 212 years, is built on quiet resilience. A goalkeeper wearing contact lenses, a man sensitive but deeply reliable. he said: "I didn't need a gold medal to remind my family where we have been and what we have done. My dad has always been there for me, my wife and children have been through the hurt and the long periods of disappointment, the way people outside seemed to feel I was scarred for ever and that I wouldn't have the pride

to come back." The pride, the family and the man. In Leighton's case, it seems such a rounded circle, such an old-fashioned set of virtues. Not for him the counselling of complete strangers; not for him baring his soul and exposing everything with-in him, either to what he calls "the wee papers" or the trained

His father, Sam, out of work since the Chrysler and Talbot

JIM LEIGHTON THE FACE OF FOOTBALL



by Rob Hughes

watched more than half the matches his son has played in 18 years. "He never pushed, never interfered, but he is very knowledgeable about the game." Leighton Im' said.
"Dad was a good enough player in his time, a left winger who had Leeds United at his door with papers to sign; but he had to send them away because he had just had his call-up and, by the time he came out, he was 27."

Leighton, in the even-tempered manner of Perthshire, has always known that his own professional career meant more than usual to a parent who lost opportunity himself. Yet his wife, Linda, his daughter. Clare, 15; and son, Greg. 13, have, as recently as this summer, had to talk him round from quitting Scotland

The national team had turned back to him after Andy Goram, perhaps a more gifted goalkeeper but not as reliable a person, had refused to travel to Moscow, citing "psychological reasons". Leighton defied the Russians, did not allow Scotland's goal to be breached there or in the five subsequent European qualifying games ... and come high summer, was not given a moment in the spotlight of the finals in

"Soul destroying," he mur-mured time and again this week. "During the championships, because of all that had happened in England, this would have been the pinnacle. My whole family had tickets. they went to every game, I trained, knowing that I had to be behave in a manner that would not destroy the team spirit. But afterwards, in my own mind, I was finished.

"Once again, my family talked me round. I never got as far as telling Craig [Brown, the Scotland manageri, but Linda had said: 'give it one more

Scorned, let down so many times, you might expect Leighton to complain. Not a bit of it. He has a degree of cussedess — he calls it pride — and, at 38, though he is not counting any chickens, has the figure of 100 caps to aim for. It is remarkable, for Ferguson, celebrating ten years in charge at Old Trafford this week, admits that his handling of Leighton was the most costly, in human terms, of all his deci-

Tollowed, so very quickly, by Leighton's error against Brazil, it seemed nobody in the game would employ him. Mark McGhee, who, as a player, had shared Aberdeen's greatest night with Leighton — the victory over Real Madrid to win the Cup Winners' Cup in Gothenburg did eventually take him on loan to Reading. "Even Mark asked eight different people what my state of mind could



Leighton has bounced back from adversity to recapture his best form in time to help Scotland's World Cup campaign

be," Leighton recalled. "In fact, Mark told me straight he was worried about taking me on. Part of the problem is that I am shy, I'm not outgoing. I know it is the exact opposite to how goalkeepers come across and that people take it as a weakness. They don't realise that between three and five

o'clock I have a huge burning desire to win things."

This desire was felt by his son even in the primary school yards. Greg Leighton was six when his father apparently went from being Manchester United's No l to the most pilloried individual within the space of a few weeks. "He had gone to school with others telling him his father was the greatest and then had to stand up against the older boys when they gave him a

in his father's latest triumph. Jim Leighton could laugh at one of "the wee papers"

wee bit of stick." The boy revelled this week

vesterday in which a letter writer had opined: "I hope Celtic sign Leighton, because Rangers stuffed 12 goals past him last season ... and he'd make Celtic 1,000-l against for the title". A Rangers fan, and even Jim Leighton is not being drawn into that Glas-

a snort. "All the lads have full-

time jobs, including me, so we

don't find much time for

training, especially because

we play twice a week, which

means up to 80 games a season. We're too exhausted

to train?"

ICE SKATING

Jones takes advantage of British weakness

By JOHN HENNESSY

ZOE JONES and Jenna Arrowsmith, from Swindon. took the first two places in the women's short programme at the British figure skating championships at Guildford yesterday. But once you have said that, you have virtually said it all, since not one of the seven competitors was able to

produce a clean programme. Jones had the advantage of skating last and was able to adjust her sights in the knowledge of what had gone before. Thus Lesley Pearce, her coach, decided before she went on the ice that the opening triple flip should be reduced to a double.

Not surprisingly she got away to a sound start but her other two jumps let her down. The triple toe loop in the combination was landed offbalance and she had to introduce a step before the second element, a double toe loop. Towards the end she stumbled off a double axel, a jump well within her command.

All the same, Jones, 16, who travels to Seoul on Monday for the world junior championships, is well on the way to becoming the British senior champion after finishing runner-up for the past two years: and on her way, too, to Paris and Lausanne for the European and world championships after Christmas.

For all the doubts raised yesterday, she would seem to have the measure of her Swindon colleague. Arrowsmith, who was last year unable to defend the title she had won in 1994, is some way She barely survived the double axel and fell off a triple salchow.

There was only one successful attempt at a combination, triple salchow to double toe loop, by Georgina Papa-vasiliou, of East Kilbride, but her other two jumps, triple toe loop and double axel, brought her down to earth.

Ordinarily, the British champion would be an automatic choice for Paris and Lausanne but, unless an imafternoon, the Great Britain selectors may have to consider the claims of Stephanie Main. She has been prevented by illness from defending the title she won last year. They would, though, be haunted by the thought that, a year ago, Main was shown to be inadequate at international level. Either way, the selectors are on a hiding to nothing.

SNOOKER

Seven years enough for Spencer

JOHN SPENCER, chairman of the World Professional Bil-liards and Snooker Association (WPBSA) since 1989. yesterday announced his res-

ignation from that post and as

a board member of the game's governing body (Phil Yates writes). Spencer, 61, three times the world champion, remains one of the most easily recognisable figures on the circuit. Recently, though, a combination of ill-health and criticism from the prominent manager, lan

Doyle, have undermined his position. "I don't know what triggered John's decision, but . . . I hope that whoever takes over the chairmanship recognises the problems within the game and also the enormous potential 'it possesses," Doyle, whose clients includes Ste-

phen Hendry, said. Spencer, who took over as chairman from John Virgo, suffers from myasthenia gravis, which requires steroid medication to strengthen the eye muscles and thereby prevent any recurrence of the double vision that forced his retirement from competition tive vears ago.

In a four-line press release, the WPBSA described Spencer as "a long-serving and respected member of the snooker community" and stated that his resignation will be effective from November 30.

Paul Hunter, last season's most successful rookie, all but guaranteed his place in the last 32 of the £380,000 United Kingdom championship by building an 8-0 lead over Willie Thorne at Preston Guild Hall yesterday.

Hunter, 18. stole the first frame on the black but then restricted Thorne to an average of only 19 points in the next seven frames. Neal Foulds was another established player in trouble, trailing Robert Milkins by 6-2.

Supporting cast out to steal show

By Walter Gammie

THE first round of the FA Cup introduces a habitual cast of non-League hopefuls: those. like Altrincham and Enfield: whose appearances are as regular as Christma's pantomime those making happy cemebacks, Hendon and Bromley among them; and those blinking in the glare of unaccustomed exposure, such as Sudbury Town, Consett

and Newcastle Town. Whoever steals the show this afternoon will not have long to savour their success before their destiny in the second round on December 7 is revealed. As for the first round, the draw will be broadcast live quaBBC1 at 5.05pm

this afternoon.
It means that Newcastle and Notes County, Whitby and Hull City, and Northampton Town and Watford will start their matches tomorrow already knowing the prize that awaits them.

The 13 Vannhall Conference clubs in action today are, of course, the most likely to eventually progress to the third round. Although last season's tally of non-League survivors was just two Woking and Gravesend and Northfleet — three seasons ago Kidderminster Harriers reached the fifth round.

Kidderminster have a tough ssignment away at Crewe Alexandra, in which the longest-serving managers in the senior reaches of the game -Dario Gradi (appointed June 1983) and Graham Allner (appointed October 1983) - pit their wits against each other. Sammy Mcliroy, the Macclesfield Town manager, is preparing to take on Rochdale. whom he turned down the chance to manage two years ago. Famborough Town will

test Barnet, beaten in replays for the past two seasons by Woking.

Stevenage Borough, the Conference champions, should reach the second round for the first time at the expense of struggling Hayes. Altrincham, with 16 wins, will try to equal Yeovil Town's record _manher of victories for a non-League side against League opposition. They play Preston North End at Deepdale.

Enfield take on Bromley, a fellow Icis League premier division club, who are making their first appearance in the first round for 20 years. Bromley slogged their way through the qualifying rounds and then promptly sold Dean Wordsworth, their striker, to Crystal Palace for £35,000. The money they raised has gone towards rebuilding their Hayes Lane ground, de-

stroyed by fire two years ago. Hendon, struggling at the bottom of the Icis League premier division, needed seven qualifying round matches to reach the first round for the first time since 1988. They

travel to Cardiff City. First round day, however, belongs to the likes of Consett, the northern league club from the former steel town who struggle to draw more than 100 supporters on Saturdays. They make only their second appearance in the first round - they lost 5-0 to Doncaster Rovers in 1958 - when they go

to Mansfield Town. They have just one player with Football League experience and, in Steve Brown, a fruit and vegetable stallholder in Gateshead who will get up at 3am. go to work and then, adrenalin pumping, plunge straight into action against the full-time professionals.

Poor relations hoping to strike it rich

By David Maddock

GLYN CHAMBERLAIN is breathless. He has just fin-ished his early shift as a delivery driver for Tesco, and is racing around frantically to catch up. There is plenty of catching up to do. Newcastle Town, the North West Counties League side he manages, make history tomorrow when they appear in the first round of the FA Cup for the first

It is a delicious moment not just for Chamberlain, but for the whole town of Newcastle, It is, of course, Newcastle-under-Lyne, in Staffordshire, not Newcastle upon Tyne. Plenty of people have been trying to make tortuous jokes about an ap-parent confusion between the two, but really, there can be none, because Town are in a different world to their namesake, United.

Town's wage bill of £350 a week would not even tempt Alan Shearer to get out of bed, and the only big player the non-league side can boast is their 18-stone goalkeeper, Phillip Butler. Still, they are good enough to strike genuine fear into the minds of Notts County, whom they face tomorrow.

Colin Murphy, the County manager, has been under pressure of late, and it could be the end of the line for him should his side lose to the smallest club left in the comstition. Town are five levels down the pyramid from the Football League, and defeat would be monumental.

Chamberlain though, believes it is distinctly possible. There has been a little bit of unrest there, and we can exploit it. I know we are the smallest club left in the competition, but somebody, somewhere is going to cause an upset and there really is no reason why it can't be us."

None indeed. They were unbeaten this season until



Darwen took that proud record away last Saturday. There is plenty of experience in the side. John Burndred, a prolific scorer, was with Port Vale, Andy Holmes played at Stoke City before a bad initi ry, as did Dave Ritchie, the son of famous Stoke old boy,

Cup fever has not exactly gripped the town of New-castle-under-Lyne, more like stroked it gently. But according to Ken Walshaw, the club's vice-president, there will be a big turnout.

"Our record attendance for a competitive fixure is 730odd, and our biggest ever 3.600 in a friendly at Stoke, so we should break a few

expecting anything between 5,000 and 10,000 because there has been tremendous "The whole town is talking

about it. Every shop has a poster. It's just a pity we cannot hold the game at our Lyne Valley ground. We desperately wanted to do that, but the police advised us against it. Anyway, at least we will get a decent crowd at it will certainly surpass the

"70 men and a dog," that Chamberlain says normally attend their home games. But this will be no ordinary match. The manager has even managed to get the day off work, for goodness sake, which is not always the case. Last week before the Darwen game he was up at 3am to drive to Thirsk and back in time to be on the bench.

Otherwise, things will be no different than normal, appar-

ently. Extra training maybe?

Butler, the goalkeeper, did train last week, with Newcastle United. The FA Carling Premiership leaders used the Lyne Valley Parkway Stadium before a cup-tie with Stoke last season, and rela tions between the two Newcastles have been strong ever

Butler goes into the game tomorrow with the best wishes of the Newcastle United players, and one suspects he may find it just a little easier than during his eye-opening window in the town centre

training session. As a home made banner in one shop proclaimed: "With a name like ours, we've nothing to

The subsequent learning

curve has been steep: "I'd

never been coached properly before at Farmborough, where

Taylor happy to man the last line of defence straight from the honeymoon.

round FA Cup tie. The chances where his father was based, are that they will be he discovered an aptitude for BY DOMINIQUE BALDY

IT IS just over a year since Lance-Corporal Maik Taylor was keeping goal on a part-time basis for Farnborough Town, while pursuing an army career with the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers. These days, Taylor is a military man no longer, providing instead the last line of defence at Barnet, of the Nationwide League third division, who bought out his army contract for £600 over the summer of 1995 after reports of the soldier's impressive displays in the Vauxhall

Conference. This afternoon, his former team-mates get a chance to renew their acquaintance with him when Barnet travel to Farnborough for a tricky firstimpressed.

Under the tutorship of Ray Clemence, the former England goalkeeper, who was the Barnet manager until earlier this season, Taylor developed into one of the most highly regarded goalkeepers in the lower divisions.

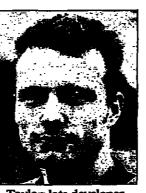
He is warning his Barnet colleagues that the trip to Hampshire will be no easy matter. "It's vital if we're going to win that we knuckle down and remember how determined they will be to raise their game," he said. Despite his anxiety, things

are going rather well for Taylor. Destined to serve Queen and country at a tender age, having been born to a Services family in Germany.

goalkeeping at the surprisingly late age of 19, when he first played for his army college team because the regular goalkeeper had failed to appear.

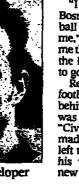


Taylor: late developer



POLICE RECORD

On returning to England, he was soon playing for Farnborough, close to where he was based in Hampshire. However, as his reputation grew, he found that his foot-ball and army commitments were increasingly difficult to



"I didn't go to the Gulf or to

ball teams didn't want to lose me," he said. "It was clear to me that, if I wanted to get on in his wedding and joined his new club's pre-season training

the Forces, then I would have to go abroad."
Reluctant to give up either football ambitions or to leave behind his future wife, Taylor was considering a return to "Civvy Street" when Barnet made their offer last year. He left the Army two days before

I'd get around an hour's coaching a week. I learnt untold amounts through working here with Ray Clemence, and his being here was one of the main things Bosnia because the army footthat attracted me to the club." Barnet are now reaping the benefits of that work and Taylor's untypical path into the game has, unsurprisingly, made him readier than some to savour its rewards.

"I appreciate from the Army just how hard it can be out there, and how important it is to work at your game, especially when you're in a career as short as this one inevitably

BADMINTON

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BASKETBALL

EUROPEAN CUP: Group A: Panionios (Gr) 61 URar Spor (Tur) 74: CSKA Moscow 89 Maccabi Tel Awv 80. Stalenet Milan 79 Limoges (Fr) 68 Group B: Estudientes Madrid R2 Alba Bertin 75. Cibona Zagreb 75 Charletoi (Bal) 68. Group C: Bayer Lavertusen (Ger) 77 Lubiliane (Siovens) 69: Villeutbernie (Tur) 83 Cercup C: Group D: Eles Pitest (Tur) 83. Partzan Beigrade 77. Kinder Bologna (f) 89 Dynamo Moscow 74: LYNGETIC MESCOW /4:

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Singer Champions' Trophy New Zealand v Pakistan SHARJAH (New Zeelend won toss): Palo-stan best New Zeelend by 41 runs. PAKISTAN

PAROSTAN

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taz Ahmed of Fleming b Astie 10
Sater Melik low b Calmis 40
Azam Khan o Greethersch b Henris 22
Hilde Khan o Greethersch b Henris 32
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TOUR MATCHES: Hobert (first day of tour): Austrate 20 316-0 (MT G Elliot 153 not out, M L Hayden 143 not out) v West Indians. Baroda (first day of firster): Indian Board President's XI 178 (S A Anlock 83, P S de Visiers 5-46); South Africans 74-3. SUPERSPORT SERIES: Cape Town (second day of four): Boland 239; Western Province 336-5 (S G Koarly 118, H D Acherman, 65, J B Commiss 53 not out, Presons first day of four): Pres State 349-8 (L.J.Willioteon 87, J F Venter 78) v Northern franswell. East London (first day of four): Border 281 (M Boucher 51). Eastern Province 8-0, Kimberley (first day of four): Transwell 280-3 (A M Bacher 121 not out, N D McKenzie 84) v Griquelisms West.

EQUESTRIANISM MILLSTREET, Co Coric Horsewere Speed Competition: 1, Laudens (J Cheensy, Ing) 0 in 63.40; 2, Remus Equo (A M Bauer, Austria) 0 in 69.11; 3, Gorane (B Recomey, Tra) 0 in 72.24; 4, Ashley (M Whiteley, GB) 0 in 75.24. FOOTBALL

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Ferguson prepares for test of strength

By David Maddock and Russell Kempson

THE plan, according to Alex Ferguson, was always to concatch up in the FA Carling Premiership later. After a diastrous run of four defeats. things have changed. Today, Arsenal visit Old Trafford and

It is a game Manchester United cannot afford to lose, even at this stage of the season. Defeat would mean, in all probability, a gap of 11 Newcastle United, the leaders, and the champions.

They have been there before, of course, but this time it is more significant, because Arsenal would also enjoy a buffer of nine points and Liverpool, should they win today and do the same in their match in hand, would be ten points ahead.

That is why a sombre Ferguson described his side's next two games as "massive". United entertain Juventus in the European Cup Champions' League four days after the visit of Arsenal and their season's ambition will be defined in the course of those days.

"I know things will turn

Gianfranco Zola, Chelsea's latest Italian recruit, is likely to make his debut in England on the substitutes' bench when they play Black-burn Rovers in the FA Carling Premiership at Ewood Park this afternoon. Zola has settled well but Ruud Gullit, the Chelsea player-manager,

around for us, but I hope it is as quick as possible." Ferguson said. "A win is what we need. It will give us confidence, but more importantly, it will peg Arsenal back, because we don't want too many sides getting too far ahead while we are still occu-

pied by Europe."
Should United lose — and that is not such an unlikely prospect against second-placed Arsenal — it will extend their sequence of league defeats to four, a run not endured since Dave Sexton's reign in the 1978-79 season.

Ferguson does not anticipate such a scenario. He accepts his team has lost confidence — a natural response to such adversity — but believes it will come back quickly. "A good win will help. The players just have to trust their ability and keep going. If they can do that, it will

Ferguson refutes all talk of a crisis at Old Trafford, saying his team is enduring nothing more than a bad run, some-thing his United sides have experienced before. "Last season in December, we won only one of six, and when we won our first title, we didn't win our first five."

That season, the arrival of Eric Cantona turned things around, but this season, the problems appear to stem from the Frenchman's obvious loss of form. Again, Ferguson refuses to countenance criticism of his forward, or his manner of captaincy. "Sure, Eric has suffered a little loss of confidence like everyone else, but is that strange? I don't think so. It can happen to anyone and there is no problem with Eric. There has been comments about his captain-cy, but there are different types of captains. Bobby Moore wasn't a leader that shouted, he led by example, and Eric is the same. He is

Ferguson points to a good record, historically, against Arsenal, and to the return of Ryan Giggs, which he believes will offer much-needed balance. A certain emphasis will be lost though, through the suspension of Roy Keane, a player vital to United.

excellent on the training field

and the players love him."

Arsène Wenger, the Arsenal manager, has yet to experience defeat in six matches since his helated move from Nagoya Grampus Eight, of Japan, to Highbury. Yet he accepts that the trip to Old Trafford will pose his biggest test so far. "We have not played the top teams," he said. "I don't really know what this side is capable of achieving, but it is playing well and I see no reason to change it. It is too early to say that this one match will have a big effect on the championship, but if we get a good logically and may damage United's confidence."

Nigel Winterburn, Arsenal defender, has recovered from a hamstring injury. but John Hartson, the Wales striker, is still suspended.

If United's problems need to be put into context, then relief comes from across the road at Manchester City. There, fans are demonstrating against Francis Lee, the chairman, and his board, while, Georgi Kinkladze, the supporters' idol, is unsettled. The team lies in eighteenth place in the Nationwide League first

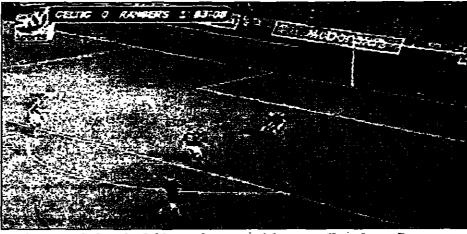
Barcelona, led by Bobby Robson, contacted Maine Road yesterday to enquire about the £5 million-rated Kinkladze, but Lee denied brusquely that anyone is leaving, including himself. Georgi is happy to stay with us at least until the end of the season," he said. "As far as my own position is concerned. I will not be resigning. We have done good things at this club, even though they might not be evident immediately, and I intend to stay around to enjoy the success we are certain will

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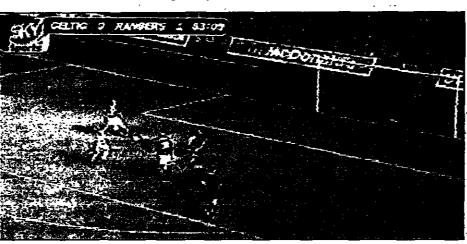
Was this football's greatest miss ever?



With nobody to beat and only eight yards out, Van Vossen, the Rangers striker, enters the Hall of Shame by calmly lifting the ball into the crowd behind the Celtic goal



Albertz streaks into the Celtic penalty area and draws out Kerr, the goalkeeper . . .



... unselfishly, he slips the ball to Van Vossen, who has a clear sight of the goal ...



. but, with the ball under control, Van Vossen unaccountably scoops it over the bar

tatistics are all very well, but football is ultimately a game of opinwas united: Peter van Vossen's miss in the Old Firm derby at Celtic Park on Thursday has earned him a prominent and unwanted place in the strikers' Hall of Shame.

Miss, indeed, hardly does istice to the moment. It ranks alongside the fluffed shortrange putt that cost Doog Sanders the 1970 Open at St Andrews and Don Fox's sliced penalty, the last kick of the 1968 rugby league Chall-enge Cup final at Wembley that would have won the trophy for Wakefield Trinity. Only the 50,041 packed into

Celtic's throbbing ground and those who were watching Sky TV can join in the vilification of Van Vossen, but the inci-dent is scheduled for a thousand replays.

Van Vossen, a Dutchman, had entered the fray as a substitute 12 minutes from time, with Rangers clinging to Brian Laudrup's early goal and having missed a penalty when Gascoigne's effort was saved by Kerr. Van Vossen's chance, though, was easier than Gascoigne's, for the Celtic goalkeeper was scarcely in the nicture. Van Vossen had started the

move with an interception in his own half. An exchange with Gascoigne, a pass for ward and a marginal on-side decision later, Albertz was through, bearing down on Kerr's goal with Van Vossen in support on the left and the Celtic defence an irrelevance.

Albertz unselfishly drew the coalkeeper and passed to his left. There was Van Vossen and there, eight yards away.

was an empty goal. Your grandmother would have

been valued at around £2 million when Smith signed

Keith Pike analyses a blunder that will be cherished by connoisseurs of ineptitude

him from Turkey. At that moment, Smith would have returned him for change. penalty was saved by Goram, which was to have more bearing on the result, yet the great question was where did Van Vossen's miss stand in

the all-time list? But for Gordon Banks and that save against Pelé in 1970, Jeff Astle's sad toe poke wide in the same match would have earned even greater notoriety, while among the favourites from the demestic game are Ronnie Rosenthal for Liverpool against Aston Villa - he hat the bar having rounded Nigel Spink, the goalkeeper — and Roger Davies, of Derby County, who did the same at Chelsea but then fell over.

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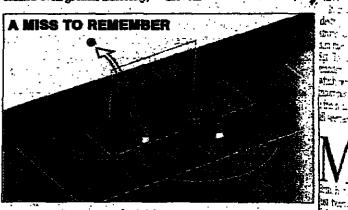
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scored. Van Vossen, rightfooted, did not, a swing of his right boot sending the ball into the crowd. Walter Smith, the Rangers manager, stood and turned his back. Van Vossen had

Bosnich fined £1,000 by FA

By JOHN GOODBODY

MARK BOSNICH, the Aston Villa goalkeeper, was yesterday found guilty of misconduct and fined £1,000 by the Football Association for his mimicking of Adolf Hitler at Tottenham Hotspur on October 12. His Nazi-style salute provoked uproar at White Hart Lane, where many of the supporters are Jewish. Bosnich is being investigated by police and could still be prosecuted for his action. A three-man disciplinary

commission heard yesterday. at a hearing lasting Ihr 20min. that the Australian goalkeep-er, 24, had been subjected to abusive chanting from the home crowd during the FA Carling Premiership game. The FA said that Bosnich told the commission that his gesture was intended as a "Basil Fawlty-style joke". The commission added: "He was unaware of Tottenham's Jewish following and was devastated at the reaction to the incident." The commission, chaired by

Geoff Thompson, had decided that, while Bosnich's action was one of stupidity, it was "not his intention to cause offence or to be insulting. He apologised publicly, quickly and profusely." Bosnich was also severely censured and warned as to his future conduct.

The player said of the decision that it was a matter of 'common sense prevailing". He added: "Let us hope we have put this incident behind

us and I can get on with my career. I think it is time to get on with the football. There are more important things going on than this case. I'm sick of hearing my own voice."

He said that perhaps the best thing to have come out of the incident was that it had been a great lesson for me" and that it had also raised the awareness of racism in the sport. He said he was fully supportive of the campaign entitled "Let's Kick Racism Out of Football".

Bosnich admitted: "Sometimes in life when you do things that are wrong then you should come out openly and say: 'Sorry, OK, I'm a young boy, I am 24, I made a

mistake.' That is the way it

The Tottenham supporters

had taunted Bosnich over his

clash two years earlier with Jürgen Klinsmann, the club's former striker. The Germany international had been knocked unconscious at Villa Park after a challenge by Bosnich. ☐ Jim Farry, the Scottish Football Association (SFA) chief executive, has been reported to the disciplinary committee of Fifa, football's world governing body, over comments made concerning the decision to replay Scotland's "match that never was" with Estonia. The letter informing the SFA of the matter was addressed to Bill Dickie, its president, and he has asked Fifa for clarification of the specific allegations.

Johansson sorry for racial slur

LENNART JOHANSSON. the president of Uefa, football's European governing body, apologised yesterday for the allegedly racist comments he made on a recent trip to South Africa (Russell Kempson writes). The comments were reported in Aftonbladet, a Swedish newspaper, in an interview after his visit.

Johansson, who is also vicepresident of Fifa, the sport's world governing body, was quoted as saying: "When I arrived in South Africa, the whole room was full with blackies and it gets damned dark when they're sitting together. If they also get angry, it's not so damned merry."

He said yesterday: "I don't recognise my own expres-sions. I never had racial ideas, on the contrary. If such an opinion was made, it was not my meaning. If I hurt anyone, I can only say I am sorry."

Feethams five savour long-term benefits

By Russell Kempson

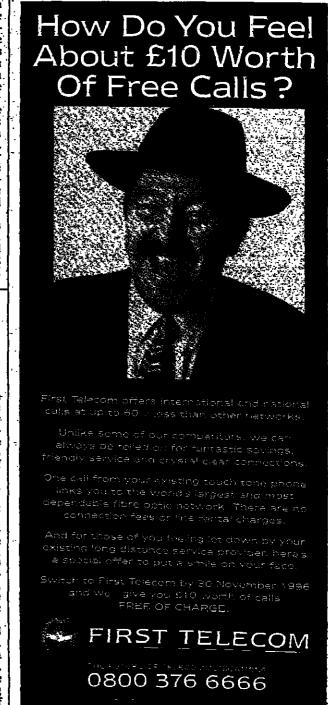
MANY clubs in the FA Carling Premiership pay their players and officials vast sums in wages; many clubs in the Nationwide League do, too. At Darlington, though, the financial gravy train went right off the rails. The struggling third division club found itself paying five managers ... at the

same time. Such absurd largesse came to light when Bernard Lowery, the Darlington chairman, presented the dub's annual report for the year ending June 30. It revealed that Frank Gray, Ray Hankin, Billy McEwan, Alan Murray and Eddie Kyle — all past managers at Feethams - had still been paid long after they had left the North East club.

"Reckless contracts brought us to our knees," Lowery said. "At one stage, when we had all these managers being paid simultaneously, only a substantial injection of capital kent us afloat." Gray left the dub four years ago and was succeeded, in order, by Hankin, McEwan and Murray. Kyle was never full-time manager. He was assistant to Murray and assumed a brief caretaker's role when Paul Futcher, who took over from Murray, departed last year. Futcher, apparently, did not

receive any belated payments. Darlington, who are languishing in 23rd place in the third division, still showed a profit of more than £100,000 last year. Peter Thorns, chairman of the supporters' club, said: "All this shows is that the management of the club in the past has been appalling."

Darlington dismissed another manager, Jim Platt, last weekend and he has been replaced by David Hodgson, who previously shared the duties of director of coaching with Platt. It is not known if Platt is still on the payroll.



THE TIMES TO THE T

Challenge for an old soldier

Britain's new
Challenger 2 may
be a winner —
but has the tank
had its day? By
ALISTAIR HORNE

unched above me in the cramped turret of Britain's new wonder tank. Challenger 2 (CR2), the commander, Sergeant Taylor, shouts down the intercom "Fin-Tank". Into the vast breech of the 120mm gun, with a barrel as long as a telegraph pole, Staff Sergeant Gough stuffs an armour-piercing round, a 15lb dart with fins, then shouts "Loaded".

In the gumer's seat to his right, I jiggle with the control button, rather like a lap-top computer mouse. It is alarmingly sensitive and the gun seems to swing all over Lulworth Cove. Optimistically, I squeeze the trigger.

The whole tank jumps, the sight is blotted out by a huge plume of flame. Almost instantly, with the shell travelling at a mile a second, a flash appears on the "enemy tank" 1,200 yards away, and Sgt Taylor announces "Target".

Next time I am not so lucky. Under pressure to finish, I get confused with the complexity of switches under my left hand and, instead of hitting the one for the laser range-finder, hit the button for the thermal night sight — the top-secret gadget which destroyed Saddam Hussein's Rus-

sian-built tanks in the Gulf War.

Everything goes green in the eye-piece, and I lose the targer. Groping to put things right, I operate the machinegun button by mistake. Crucial seconds pass, in which time our tank has almost certainly been "hrewed up" by the enemy. Eventually I press the right button. Sgt Taylor observes "Target", and a second Russian T-80 bites the dust.

In an amazingly short time I destroy three enemy tanks. A strong suspicion lingers that my aim may have been corrected by Sgt Taylor, utilising the commander's "Hunter-Killer" sight, which permits him to override an incompetent gunner or lock-on to a fresh target. Nevertheless ... it all seemed like child's play.

uch has changed since my day with tanks. The last time I saw the inside of a British tank was in 1945. I had just been commissioned into the Coldstream, bound for the Guards Armoured Division. But the fighting in Europe ended, and General Montgomery took our tanks away. I never fired a round

in anger.

One thing was painfully clear then, however: how inferior the Allied tanks were, all through the Second World War, compared with the German Panthers and terrifying Tigers with their dreaded 88mm shells.

We trained in Cromwell tanks but the armour was paper-thin and, at 28 tons, weighed no more than the turret of today's CR2. Or there were the 32-ton American Shermans — with a 75mm peashooter that bounced off the Tigers at any range above 200 yards — unpleasantly nicknamed Ronsons (one flick and they light), or (by the Germans) Tommy Cookers.

Against a Panther, the Shermans were, in Monty's words, "useless, quite useless". They had some advantages: easy to maintain and so spacious you could kip down on the turret floor. But, above all, Detroit produced so many of them (88,410 tanks to 24,630 German) that the Panzers were worn down by sheer weight of numbers.

of numbers.

Then, in 1945, Britain produced the Centurion tank, the best of its generation. It helped Israel win



Alistair Horne, who trained in Cromwell tanks with the Coldstream Guards 50 years ago, tries out Britain's new Challenger 2 at the Royal Armoured Corps range in Dorset. Verdict: "Child's play"

two wars, but for us it was "the right tank a war too late". I wrote as much two years ago in The Lonely Leader: Monty 1944-1945, resulting in an invitation to spend a day at Bovington Camp, Dorset, the headquarters of the Royal Armoured Corps.

The mood there was very up-

The mood there was very upbeat. The previous week at the range, reps from 20 countries had seen the CR2 demolish six targets within 26 seconds, at ranges of more than 2,000 yards — a remarkable achievement. The enthusiasm of Bovington's tankexperts was plain; for the first time since the 1960s they had a world-beater.

During the Gulf War, the combination of the 120mm gun, British thermal sights and American GPS (global positioning system) enabled its predecessor, Challenger I, to destroy Iraqi tanks before they could even be seen. One British tank is reputed to have knocked out an enemy at the extreme range of 5,400 metres

were highly unreliable, causing General Sir Peter de la Billière, then the commander of the British forces, to grumble that every time the British lst Armoured Division moved five kilometres

others must be measured."

one tank was expected to break down. Now, they claim at Bovington, the new engine can be trusted to propel a CR2 the 800 miles from Fallinböstel in Germany to the Pyrenees without breakdown. Instead of the sweat we had in 1945 of having to use a vast spanner periodically to adjust track tension, (otherwise, in the midst of battle, the tracks could fall off), the driver now

simply operates levers on his control panel.

A new, superbly smooth hydrogas suspension and gunsabiliser permits the tank to fire on the move with lethal accuracy.

he CR2 is a "97 per cent new tank". Only 18 have been produced so far, and it will be 1998 before the army is fully equipped with them. Relations between Vickers, the manufacturer, and the "consumers" are unusually harmonious. But this time the military is determined to be hard-nosed in

getting exactly what it wants.

After watching a video of a CR2
going through its paces in slow
motion, charging at the camera
like some monster out of Jurassic
Park, gun swinging right and left
at phenomenal speed, sand boil-

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two wars, but for us it was "the one tank was expected to break ing out of its tracks, we are taken right tank a war too late". I wrote down. Now, they claim at to drive the real thing. Inconas much two years ago in The Bovington, the new engine can be gruously, it has an L-plate stuck

To ensure the critical low profile of the modern tank, when closed down the driver controls its 62 tons almost lying down, peering through periscopes. Instead of the great manual gear lever of the Sherman, which rattled one's funny-bone, he has a six-speed automatic gear, with override, like any modern car.

A convincing roar from the rear end, and the CR2 surges forward with a motion gentler than a sailboat in choppy weather. While not exactly a Ferrari, the acceleration is impressive; in seconds the needle is flickering on 50kph (about 3lmph), well above its specified mean cross-country

Suddenly, just ahead, a nearvertical wall as high as a house looms up. In a calm voice, the instructor, Corporal White, tells Trooper Skeels somewhere down below us: "Right. Slow down now, change into bottom gear... Accelerate." All we can see is sky. "Halt." We balance on the knife edge at the top. "Now dead slow

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"A toast, he said, to all that's elegant, vibrant, stylish, with hidden depths and a full, well-rounded body besides which all



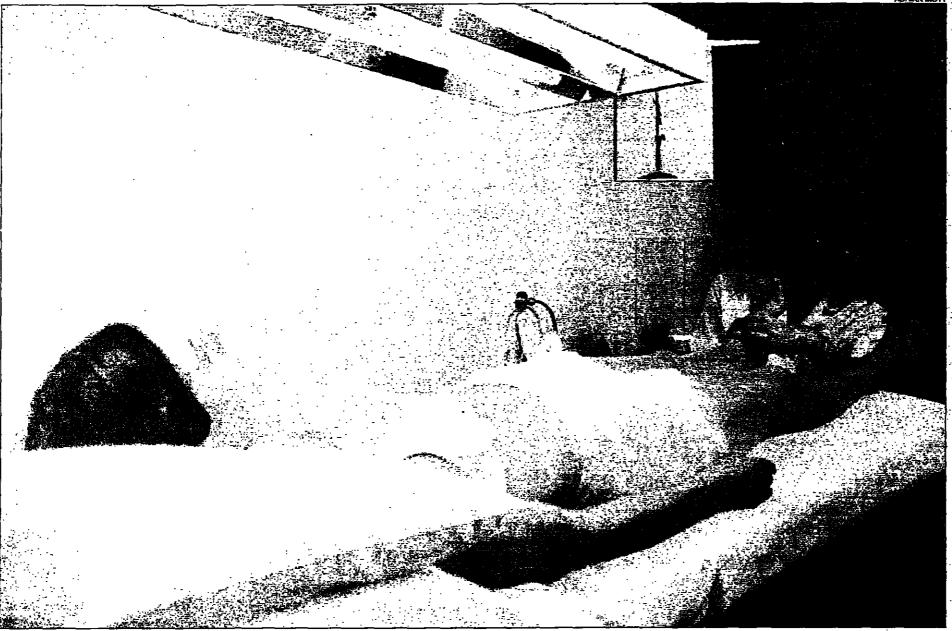
'For one glorious moment, I thought he was talking about me."



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Light therapy and reflexology are said to produce a wide-ranging series of results, and, unlike the patient above, it isn't necessary to take off almost all your clothes to benefit

Let there be light for winter

a woman's beauty could L be judged by her feet. mine have enjoyed due respect. So what could be more heavenly than to lie back last week and have my feet oiled. massaged, kneaded, pampered and played with for an hour? No husband is as patient. And all this on a June summer's day. It could have been a lazy afternoon punting on the Cherwell.

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No. time travel is not my latest discovery. In fact, I was lving under fluorescent lights which simulate a midsummer's midday. This is light therapy and reflexology combined. They don't have to be, but you feel you are getting more out of it if the therapist isn't filing her nails

while you lie back. The light therapist Renee Ganger at the Hale Clinic in Regent's Park. London, throws in colour therapy too. This involved looking at differently coloured bottles and choosing four shades 1 felt most in tune with at the start of the session. All mine were red and pink. This meant I was full of beans and

am a foot fetishist. Ever since Michelangelo said could be in danger of overdoing things.
Then at the end of the

session she asked which colours I would now select. I went for shades of green and blue. Triumphant, Ms Gan-ger explained that this showed the treatment had worked because of my choice of calmer, cooler colours. I'm afraid this colour stuff

was beyond me, but I did better with the theory of light therapy. Now this is scientifically grounded, and makes eminent sense. In 1903, the Danish doctor Niels Finsen was awarded the Nobel prize for medicine for showing that light therapy could treat skin tuberculosis. Since then it has been used to treat acne. tive disorder (Sad).

Listen up. At least 10 per cent of the population are thought to suffer from Sad, which causes depression, lethargy and insomnia in winter, and light therapy is apparently the only solution. Natural sunlight is in even shorter supply in cities where pollution conspires with office life and travelling by car,

ALTERNATIVELY SPEAKING... RACHEL **KELLY**

LIGHT THERAPY

● WHAT IT IS: Light therapy uses artificial light to modify behaviour or health

ADVANTAGES: Improves bone and joint conditions, insomnia, some skin conditions and lowers blood pressure

vitamin D as well if you go regularly, as you could overdose COST: Around £40 a session.

So we need light as we need food or air. I lay fully dressed except for bare legs and no glasses (they block the light) under something that looks a bit like a sunbed with long fluorescent tubes which emit a bright white light reminiscent of strip lighting in the school gym. Therapists say it helps to

Continued from page i forward." All 62 tons of tank

settles on the downward slope without a crunch.

much more of a crash comes,

and helmets fly off when, over some bumps. Cpl White orders: "Now let's see if we

can get it in the air." We do.

Brilliant as it may be, does the Main Battle Tank (MBT), such as

the CR2 have a future? Almost ever since General

Haig unleashed tanks, pre-maturely, on the battlefield of Flanders 80 years ago, armchair critics and wiser

heads have argued periodi-

cally that the tank was

Now, the attack helicopter

and sophisticated weaponry seem to threaten its future

more than ever before. Though obviously interested

parties, Bovington points out

that, since the Second World

War, successive conflicts in

the Middle East have proved that there is still no weapon

as effective against the heavy

tank as its opposite number.

a threatening force are still mobility, fire power and

durability.

The three keys to defeating

Devastatingly, the attack

helicopter can now provide

the first two, but only the

heavy tank can provide the third. Traditionally infantry-

men will not attack, or hold

ground, unless supported by tanks. Only a tank can hold

ground, while a lightly

armoured vehicle runs con-

Back on level ground,

rainbow and is known as

The intensity is roughly 3,000 lux, the unit by which light is measured. The av-

calcium, magnesium and phosphorous. Thus those with osteoporosis, arthritis, dental caries and menopausal problems all particu-larly benefit. Light helps lower blood pressure by dilating blood vessels, and thus improving circulation.

Light absorbed through

the eyes hits a gland called the pineal gland. This produces serotonin, dubbed the feel-good" hormone, and melatonin, which governs sleep. Too much melatonin, and we can feel depressed and lethargic. The light therapy helps balance the serotonin and the melatonin, stabilising our moods, improving our sleep, boosting our immune systems and

helping tissue repair.
"But what of skin cancer?
And wrinkles?" I ventured to Ms Ganger."The harmful ultraviolet rays are screened out, and responsible use will not damage the skin or eyes." she reassured me.

Her own feet-twiddling was marked by its gentle-ness. My previous brush with reflexology had been a painful one. The theory is that each part of the body is mirrored on the feet in precise locations known as reflexes. Ms Ganger has a map. She stimulated the nerve endings on my feet, allowing the body's own healing to work, tension to reduce and my circulation to improve which in turn helps ranging are the results that it was difficult to tell after the session whether it had "worked". Certainly, it was an utterly hedonistic hour while it lasted and I felt serene and relaxed afterwards though back to my

wrought self that afternoon. The only caveat: wash your feet before you go or it's like going to the dentist if you haven't flossed.

SPECIALISTS

The Hale Clinic, 7 Park Crescent, London WI (0171-631 0156): £60 an houτ, including reflexology.

🖬 Champneys' London Club, basement of Le Meridien Hotel, 21 Piccadilly, WIV 0BH (0171-437 8114): £55 an hour for physiotherapy and reflexology, including Light Therapy.

■ Champneys' Health Farm. Tring. Hertfordshire HP23 6HY (01442 863351): £55 an hour for physiotherapy and reflexology, including Light Therapy.

Spectra-Light, York House, Lower Harlestone. Northampton NN74EW (01604 821902), sells lowmaintenance, transportable lights for £260,

incl. VAT and delivery.

SERIOUS SHOPPING

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GILES

PETROL STATIONS itting in the inside lane of a metropolitan dual carriage way, queueing behind 14 cars for the next available petrol pump. I often pon-der the emergence of the

garage shop.

A kind of road rage comes over me. I want to tailgate Mr Texaco for a couple of miles, flashing my lights and honking like a maniac, force him to pull over, and then chew a hole in his wind-

screen with my teeth.

No jury of my peers
would ever convict. They, too, would have known what it is to be late for work, next in the queue for the pump, when the bloke in front fills up, puts

the cap back on takes his jacket from its nook in the disappears into the shop.

Trapped by the queue be-hind you, you can go no-where in front of his car the pumps have become vacant, but no one can get to them. You can see

him in the shop leafing through an amateur photography magazine. Then he selects some frosted donuts and gets himself a coffee. The days tick by He buys some Lottery scratchcards and scratches them at the counter. He wins £2, so he buys some more. He rummages through the display of cassettes. Eventually, he pays. The credit-card slip signed, he turns to go. Then turns back and points at the cigarettes. The man behind the counter fetches a packet of Silk Cut. He has to pay cash now. They hold his note up to the light to check it. The till operator asks his colleague if he has any twenties. The man gets

He walks slowly back to his car sucking on a donut. He hangs his jack-et in the back. He climbs into the car. He dials a number on his mobile phone, switches on the ignition, and pulls gently away without so much as a raise of the hand.

his change, and slides the

notes into his wallet one-

Bored with this little story? Write to your MP. It is time something was done. The English being by nature a mis-trustful, selfish race, this garage shopping simply doesn't work. On the Con-tinent, where they have been doing it for years, people buy their petrol and then move their car before going in to pay. English people can't be bothered with that, and if you do try it the staff come running out thinking you are a fuel-lifter. And anyway, there is nowhere to put the car. That would waste retailing space.

Garage shops used to deal purely in cigarettes and girlie mags. Now

they have Dunkin Do-Dunkin Do-nuts, Chicken 'If you Tonight, tin-ned ham, fake move cappuccino. microwaveable your car "Hot 'n' Crispy fish and chips and "authe staff think kebabs". The fags and porn you are were healthier. Then they have drive-thru fast food a fuel-

> you have to close to the petrol nozzle as you fill, allowing the vapours to cover the stom-ach-turning whilf of frying fat Again, the animal by-products on sale are a distraction to the person in the car in front.

joints, where

lifter'

The modern garage is a monument to everything that is sad and ruinous in Britain: not only roads and cars, but fast food marketing, the Lottery, and cook-

So why do these shops exist? Because we are dealing with a breed of retailer that charges customers for air, and they know that those lead vapours have not only long term, but short-term deleterious effects on your health. They drive you temporarily mad and make you think you want to go shopping. It is the modern retail: chemically zombify your customer, then peddle him products that will either kill him, impoverish him, or make him both very unhappy and seriously ill.

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full spectrum" light. erage intensity of daylight is 5,000 lux, while indoors it is 500 to 1,000 lux.

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'Four Apaches could stop a whole tank division'



German Panzer in action during World War Two, and Alistair Home as a trainee tank man at Pirbright Camp in 1945

stant risk of being knocked out by artillery, or even infantry weapons.

Also, in a situation such as Bosnia, the psychological deterrent — the "shock ac-tion" factor — of the Jurassiclike menace of the heavy tank is wonderfully persuasive in eeping the peace. And what does Israel threaten to do in its present civil crisis? Bring

up the tanks. The tank most likely to confront Challenger any-where in the world is almost certain to be Russian, and the new generation of Russian tanks will, for sure, have the thermal sight and global

positioning system. A more sophisticated foe than Saddam may be able to jam, or even shoot out of space, the American satellites essential to providing ac-

curate map reading.
What this would mean in featureless terrain such as the desert was made plain to me by Major-General Patrick Cordingley, who commanded the 7th Armoured Brigade in the Gulf: "We 'lost' a satellite, and for a while the whole division had

to come to a grinding halt."

Can we afford CR2, and can we sell it abroad? Inevitably, the two are inter-

dependent. At £3 million a time, by the year 2000 Britain will be able to afford only eight armoured regiments, with a total of 304 tanks. Depressingly, this will put us 47th in the world league; 17 countries have 2,000-plus tanks; Israel, for example, has 4,000 (most now of her own fabrication),

defence as Britain. Partly because of the engine unreliability of Challenger I, the competition against the American Abrams, the German Leopard and the French Leclerc

but then, she spends ten

times as much of her GNP on

has been jeopardised. The Abrams is cheaper and has a highly trustworthy gas turbine engine but it guzzles fuel and leaves a thermal foot-print like a searchlight. Bovington also questions the versatility of its smooth bore.

However, from an export standpoint, the Challenger's engine seems disappointing.
A new version, specially designed for the desert, which Vickers hope will be bought by Gulf nations, comes off the shelf with a more potent German engine than CR2's.

The jury is still out. A problem common to all.

the Western contenders is whether the technology of all current MBT models will prove too complex to master. In terms of weight, gunpower, armour and engine, CR2 has now almost cer-tainly reached the limits of heavy-tank development. Ahead lies the possibility

of a lighter vehicle, equipped with an electro-magnetic gun. But this is all 25 years

eanwhile, all tanks face a new menace: "Top attack" where their armour is most vulnerable, either from helicopter missiles fired from three miles away, or from smart artillery projectiles. or jumping mines. This means fresh armour headaches for tanks already at their weight limits.

On paper, a flight of four Apache helicopters equipped with Longbow Helifire missiles could destroy virtually a whole armoured division

The Apache will be coming into service in Britain shortly. But each costs more than £9 million, three times more than for Challenger 2. And they do not provide what the army requires: a robust sustainable presence on the ground.

The tank lives on. Alistair Horne's latest book, How Far From Austerlitz: Napoleon 1805-1815, was published this week by Macmillan, price £18.99.

Cashmere finally shapes up

Cashmere is hot news this season — soft, luxurious and moulded to the body. But don't be put off by thoughts of bobbling and sagging, says **GRACE BRADBERRY**. Today's designs have a hidden extra





LEFT: Cashmere and Lycra dress, £295, Scotch House (0171-581 2151); tights, £5.99, Jonathan Aston (0116-286 2388); sandals, £44.99, Ravel (0171-631 0224). RIGHT: Cashmere and Lycra cardigan, £440; dress, £350; Jaeger (0171-200 4000); tights, £2.25, M&S; shoes, £39.99, Ravel

Tomen covet much so that men could be forgiven for thinking it was on the forbidden list of the Ten Commandments, after the neighbour's wife, the manservant and the ox.

But while we want to buy it, and while we envy those who dare to do so, many of us are reluctant to take the plunge. Cashmere is something other women have. It is something you receive as a gift, not something you buy

on a credit card. Why do we feel this way? Partly, perhaps, because we have become addicted to the notion of "fashion basics" and "wardrobe essentials" a way of looking at shopping that may assuage our guilt, but that also limits our

Gradually, however, we are shifting our position. The words "basic" and "essential" have been replaced by "must have", as in "I just must have that Gucci belt/ Dolce & Gabbana rose handbag/Joseph jumper". There is no must about it of course these are objects of

desire, not necessity.

But those who make it their business to keep tabs on the spending habits of Brit-ish women also report a change. We are, apparently, becoming more like continental women, spending larger sums on a single item if it looks like a good

On this score, cashmere's status remains uncertain. We resist buying it not merely out of a spurious puritanism, but also out of a genuine concern that its neathery haxury will not stay the course, bobbling and sagging within months.

At last, cashmere labels have begun to address these concerns. In part, one suspects, they have been goaded into action by Marks & Spencer, whose successful introduction of relatively low-priced cashmere sweaters has given everyone a jolt.

But cashmere has also been undergoing a fashion renaissance. The Home Counties twin-sets are still available, but so are luxury versions of high-fashion knifwear. TSE Cashmere, launched in 1989, led the

way. Others have followed. This season, in particular. knitwear of all kinds is hot fashion news. Dresses, skirts and sweaters are expected to mould to the body - but still to look soft and luxurious. Cashmere is an ideal fibre but the question of durability remains.



ABOVE: Cashmere tunic, £169, Cashmere by Design (0171-240 3652); devoré scart, £15, M&S

And so, this winter, several well-known names - including Jaeger, Scotch House and Murray Allan — have added Lycra to their cashmeres for the first time.

"We developed the mix partly to give a more modern look, but also because we wanted the cashmere to be more high-performance," says Jeanette Todd, international design director for

"In many ways, cashmere is already high-performance. And it re-performs in the sense that you can clean it and you can shave it to remove the bobbles. But it still has a tendency to go baggy, and that's what we wanted to tackle," she says. When it comes to skirts, a Lycra-cashmere mix has the added advantage of disguising a slight turnmy."

Much the same reasons have led Scotch House to introduce cashmere pieces, with 8 per cent Lycra in the mix. "Form-fitting garments are easier to wear if they have a bit of Lycra," says a spokeswoman. "If you're going to soften a jacket by slipping a cashmere jumper underneath, then it is much more comfortable if it doesn't

Lusing Lycracashmere mixes for its cableknits and turtle necks in mulberry and burnt orange.

But whatever the innovarules about choosing

bag under the arms." urray Allan has followed a similar rationale,

tions in technology, the agegood cashmere still apply. First, look for clarity of colour. If there are grey and

Photographs by Steve Poole. Hair and make-up by Alex Babsky. Styling by Amandip Uppat

black hairs in the base of the garment then it will soon deteriorate.

Secondly, be careful when choosing a single-ply yarn. High-quality single-plys are wonderful, but poor quality ones will result in sweaters that are thin and skimpy. Watch out also for anything that appears too loosely knitted - it will soon look cheap.

As for the care instructions, these vary from label to label. Marks & Spencer recommends hand-washing rather than using your local dry cleaners. If you do decide to take the plunge and wash the garment yourself, then remember that the important part is the drying: you must dry it flat, and you must pay heed to the over-used instruc-

Bearing all this in mind, you need covet your neighbour's cashmere no longer. Go out there, buy your own - but keep it well away from the tumble dryer._

tion "reshape while damp".



ABOVE: Pale grey cashmere cardigan, £99; matching sweater, £80, Marks & Spencer, branches nationwide (information, 0171-935 4422)

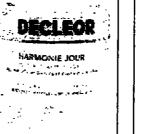
The skin's natural moisture barrier is at its least efficient during the winter, so skincare plans will need revising. **ANNA-MARIE SOLOWIJ** recommends some seasonal beauty boosters



Chanel Teint Exact (£24), in blanc, rose and brun, enhances skin tone (stockists, 0171-493 3836)



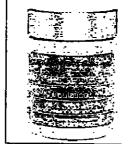
Lancôme Pommette (£15.50) is a cream/powder blusher for dry skins, available nationwide



Decleor Harmonie Jour (£31.50) is a soothing antiredness day cream (stockists, 0171-262 0403)



Elemis Rosemary Flower Water (£6.95) is a gentle skin toner, from Harrods, SW1 (stockists, 0181-954 8033)



Prescriptives PX Insulation (£34) is an anti-oxidant vitamin moisturiser (stockists. 0171-409 6990).



Contemplation.

Besides being one of the most enduring of life's little pleasures, Gloag's Gin is an ever-dependable complement to contemplation. Whilst the discerning fellow marshals his thoughts, he can ponder over its smooth yet crisp character and the fragrant aroma of eleven





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iok in a garden centre and uy something you like the

In autumn, hundreds of sycamore leaves

low across my garden, overed in black spots. My oses also suffer from

lackspot. Is this the same isease, and should I be

!earing them up and burn-ng them? — A.G. Williams,

Rose Diackapor and spot on sycamores are for-

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nter simply makes syca-nore leaves look disturb-

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GARDEN ANSWERS

STEPHEN ANDERTON replies to readers' letters

Russian vine, which is en-¬; I have a female holly. Golden King and ould like to buy by mail croaching onto my prop-erty. Although it is attractive. I am concerned that it will damage the brickwork. Can you advise whether it can be left to der two more variegated oliies, another female, and male to polimate them. ould you recommend suitale silver variegated varietgrow freely or should it be s? I do not want 'Silver ueen'. which is yellow iged. — D.N. Robinson, ridlington. Yorks. restrained? - R. Morgan, London E14.

A Fallopia baldschua-nica. the mile-a-minute Silver variegated males include Elegantisplant, does not produce aeri-al roots and will not damage brickwork. However, it will Silver Milkboy. erox Argentea and, if corgrow under eaves into roof etly named, the creamy nite Silver Queen, Silver males include Handsspaces, and behind downpipes and around and onh New Silver, Silver



Russian vine: prolific

around gutters. Then, when snow lands on it, or even if it is very wet and heavy, great strain can be put on the things supporting it.

It does need restraining. and vigorously, at the end of each season. I would suggest you have a chat about a joint attack on the vine, as it sounds as if it has got the better of your neighbour. Cut it back when it is leafless and dry and the stems can be burnt. Pruning in full leaf seems cruel, but the plant will stand it. In small gardens it is better cut right down every couple of years.

igly sporty. Just composi Last year I bought four apple trees through an ne sveamore leaves as usual. offer. but since then I have I live in a ten-year-old brick-built London learnt of the value of dwarfing rootstocks for fruit trees. I would like to train own house. A neighbour's my trees as espaliers 15ft-20ft apart. Can I use my roperty is almost totally overed by a fast-growing

existing trees or should buy anew — and if so, on which stock? — A. Birch, Birmingham.

These will be good-sized espaliers, and you should look for the semidwarfing rootstock MM.106. M.9, M.26 and M.27 are more dwarfing than you need, and require a very good soil and no competition from grass to succeed. They are better for cordons. bushes and dwarf pyramids. M.2 and MM.111 will produce large trees, especially on rich soil. If there is no indication what your trees are from the literature, it is probably safe to assume that they are suitable for a small garden. I would have a go at making them work as espaliers.

We want to plant a fruiting olive tree in our garden. Any sugges-— A.J. Bray, Farnborough, Hants.

In Britain, olives are a conservatory plant. In very mild conditions they will survive outdoors, and there is an old tree in the Chelsea Physic Garden in London, protected by city warmth, which even produces fruit. You could grow an olive in a tub, and bring it under glass for the winter. The little yellow flowers in spring are sweet smelling. and the grey evergreen fo-liage is always good. Reads of Hales Hall, Loddon, Norfolk NRI4 6QW sells clones of dessert olives, including 'Pyramidalis', which is fairly hardy.

If a garden plant it must be, why not try Phillyrea latifolia. a dark green, small evergreen tree in the olive family. It has neat, glossy, evergreen foliage and craggy bark in old age, which is nearly as good as an olive.

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At the cutting edge sufficient. Where turf meets

edging lawns. That's not to say we don't admire a well-cut edge, crisp and straight for all its length. But if it is possible to do without lawn edges, well, who wouldn't? However, there are ways of edging lawns which are far less work.

The most labour-intensive edge is where the turf meets the soil of a border - the traditional 3in drop, edged either with hand shears or an electric edger. If it's not edged every time the lawn is

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There are crafty ways of edging lawns which can mean far less work, says STEPHEN ANDERTON

sward. Much easier to maintain is a lawn separated from a border by a line of paving. When paving and turf are at the same level, the mower can oversail the edge as it cuts and reduce hand-edging. It suits gardeners who like plants to spill over the edge and break up straight lines. Plants can spill over paying to their hearts' delight without browning the grass or getting in the way of

Thankfully, there are those wonderful nylon-cord strimmers that can be used to chop off those stalks which venture sideways over the paving. Previously, the only option was to try to get the lower blade of the edging shears underneath the stalks a frustrating and tricky business - or to cut back the edge periodically with a half-

moon edging iron. The width of paving varies according to whether plants are to spill towards or inundate the lawn, and the scale and length of the border. Large borders might require a couple of feet of paving (almost a path), smaller ones a foot, and the smallest 9in. In this case, bricks laid, together like dominoes, can be used, set on a bed of concrete. Long paving slabs can be set just on a bed of sand, and there are fewer joints for creeping grasses to penetrate.

Many times out of ten the most efficient way of arrang-ing the transition from turf to border is through a path or hard landscaping. If the logic of your design can be made

cut, it lets down the Armani to require this transition, maintenance will be easier.

Remember that grass is just as likely to intermingle with a composite medium. such as gravel, as it is with turf and border soil, so composite paths are better with brick or concrete kerbs. The easiest to maintain will be a flat edging which the mower can oversail.

ertical edgings, although more work. have their virtues. They stand out more, naturally, and can be as ornamental as you choose. There are the ceramic "rope tiles of Victorian times, now in production again. There is the method of setting bricks on end but sloping to give a stepped top; very fancy but most effective. There are smooth concrete kerbs, perhaps 2ft long and 9in deep, which, like bricks, need to be set in concrete. If firmly fixed you can run a light, rubberwheeled mower against

them in order to get close. A strimmer will then cut off the With vertical edgings or

turf growing right up to walls, strimmers are ex-tremely useful. The last little strip left by the mower can be strimmed off with ease. Bet-ter still, do it first so that the mower then picks up the strimmings as it passes. For best results, vertical

edgings are set on a bed of concrete to keep them in place horizontally, with concrete banked up under the soil on either side to keep them vertical. These areas of side concrete are called haunchings. If you are hav-ing a path constructed this way, make sure you agree with the builder the width of the haunchings. Too narrow a haunching will not support the edgings. But usually the greater problem is haunchings which are too wide, giving you 9in of dry, useless border with concrete underneath. About 4-5in will be

gravel, other options must be considered. A wooden edging can be used, made of heavy-duty pressure-treated fencing rails nailed to vertical pegs. The wood is set into the ground just deep enough to hold back the gravel and give an inch or two of vertical, and low enough for the turf to grow over the top edge of the wood and hide it. This is important, because the wood is pretty ugly until it disappears. Timber nor-mally comes in 12ft lengths, and it is possible to get some modest curve on to a path edge by bending it. Tighter curves have to be made by cutting in shorter pieces of wood set around the angle of the curve. It never looks entirely happy, and relies on the turf lapping over the wood and being cut to a smoother curve. Properly treated timber should last ten

For a longer-lasting job. and a more discreet if expensive one, metal strip edgings may be used in a similar way, bolted to vertical posts of angle iron. But such cruel precision can look out of place in a garden. It suits roads and drives better than garden paths.

If you are stuck with lawns giving straight on to borders (and it looks delightful after all) edging is made easier by ensuring the soil level is lower than the turf, with a clean drop. Then you can get the blade of the shears under the grass easily.

Finally, even if you are happy to leave lawn weeds in the turf, it's worth controlling creeping weeds such as clover and yarrow at the edges, as these evade the edging shears and slither into the

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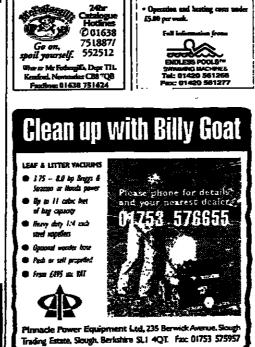
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Anyone who wants to understand the English landscape garden should head for Yorkshire and Studley Royal Here is the garden created by John Aislabie, the Chancellor of the Exchequer who fell from grace at the time of the South Sea Bubble in 1720. Beyond the park that surrounded Aislabie's home lay the wooded valley of the River Skell; this was the site of his garden. He dammed the stream to make a lake and moved an impressive amount of earth to make a flat. grassy expanse where he laid out a canal and formal pools.

Classical-style buildings - the Temple of Piety peeps out from the trees — and lead statues were positioned as eye-catchers and focal-points. But Aislabie never achieved his final ambition for the garden, the purchase of the neighbouring Fountains Abbey estate that would have given him the majestic ruins of the Cistercian abbey as the landscape's climax at the end of the Skell valley. His son achieved this during the 1740s. I can think of few more impressive and rewarding places to walk on an autumn or winter's day - when you might easily have the

OPEN THIS WEEKEND

WEEKEND TIPS

Plant or move roses. Those arriving by mail may have

Using straw or bracken, protect celeriac and other root

■ The hardiest 'Aquadulce' broad beans and sugar peas

year.

■ Move hardwood cuttings of currants and gooseberries

may be sown now in mild spells for an early crop next

thorough soil enrichment (see opposite page).

Plant cloves of garlic outdoors on light, well-drained soil. Use only plump, firm bulblets and set 7in apart.

taken last autumn into their final positions, after

dry roots and should be soaked in water for an hour

before planting. The same applies to bare-rooted trees

crops left in the ground from frost.

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Dorothy and Leonard Eimhirst, of America, in 1925 it was derelict and they embarked on years of restoration.

In the garden they turned to the American designer Beatrix Farrand. Dartington was Farrand's only work in England. She introduced a strong design and interesting planting fea-tures into the existing garden and linked it to the woodland beyond without disrupting the landscape. From the house, the ground slopes in a series of terraces — along one of which stand senting years called Appealant. stand sentinel yews called Apostles down to an expanse of lawn known as the tilt-yard because Plantagenet knights jousted here. On the far side of the garden, a series of broad grass terraces rises up to a Henry Moore sculpture and woodland garden.

Farrand created a network of three paths to wind on different levels among the huge oaks, sweet chestnuts and other mature trees in the woodland garden which runs behind the tiltyard lawn and along a bank to where it werees with the fields of a long combe After the war, Farrand's work was followed up by Percy Cane, who introduced ornamental colour to the woodland and features that Farrand would have felt to be too grandiose such as the flight of steps.

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GEORGE PLUMPTRE

Growyour own summer pudding

This has been a very good year for soft fruit, yet in my local supermarket and greengrocers there were no blackcurrants - fresh, frozen or tinned.

I wanted to make a summer pudding, but this is not complete without a quantity of black-currants adding their dark purple richness to the mixture of cherries, strawberries, raspberries and redcurrants. I had replaced my bushes with old roses a few years ago, not realising how scarce blackcurrants were commercially - much UK production

goes to juice manufacturers.

Blackcurrants, red and white currants and gooseberries are of the same genus and can enhance savoury dishes, as well as being the basis of many traditional puddings and preserves.

Soft fruit grows well in our temperate climate, not even needing full sun, so if supermarkets are going to reject it in favour of starfruit and pawpaws, we will have to grow our own. Luckily this is not difficult.

October and November are among the best times for planting soft fruit, and you can plant as late as December if the weather remains mild. However, they will not fruit next year, because newly planted bushes must be hard-. pruned to encourage root growth during the first year.

Blackcurrants (Ribes nigrum). need the most attention and space. With correct pruning you can create slim gooseberry or TIPS ON GROWING RED AND WHITE CURRANTS

against a wall or on a standard, perfect for the middle of a herb bed. However, blackcurrants are heavy feeders, preferring manure to garden compost. They must have a space of about 5ft by 5ft for

Unfortunately, blackcurrants frequently get "big bud" (gall mite). The mites carry a virus that causes the leaves to become distorted and drop off.

Redcurrants (R. sativum) seem redcurrant cordons to fit neatly to produce fruits year after year

without fuss. Gooseberries (R. uva-crispa) are equable, too, but less a pleasure to harvest. Soil preparation for red-

currants is the same as for blackcurrants (see box, right). A new bush will have two or three shoots and these should be pruned to half their length in February. Remove any shoots that are less than 4in from the ground. The following winter, prune all shoots to about half the new growth, cutting above an outward-facing bud. Aim to produce a goblet shape with a short leg and about eight permanent branches round an open centre. In the following years, side shoots should be cut back to one bud and the main branches tipped. Cordons and double cordons of

gooseberries and redcurrants can be formed from rooted cuttings. Prunings 12in long of well-ripened young shoots usually root without trouble. Make a slanting cut above a bud at the top and a horizontal cut at the other end. Then insert in soil which does not dry out, to a depth of half their length. Remove any buds or shoots from the bottom half of the

Soft fruit grow well in temperate climates, not even needing full sun. October and November are among the best times for planting cuttings. In autumn, plant the pruning is the same as for red-currants, but established gooserooted cuttings 12in apart and cut them back by half. A new strong berry cordons and standards shoot will grow; pinch back any need additional summer pruning. other shoots and support the Each new side shoot should be main stem with a cane as it reduced to five leaves. In winter, grows. For a double cordon, allow shorten the new shoots to about two shoots to develop, one each 3in and prune the tips of the main side. Next year, reduce any side branches

After the dry springs and summers we have been experiencing, mulch the bushes in the winter with well-rotted manure and in summer with lawn mowings — essential with black-currants. Nourishing applications of woodash or potassium sulphate are also beneficial. Suppliers: J. Tweedie Fruit

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The stems of gooseberries are not as sturdy as those of redcurrants, but it is just as easy Yorkshire YOIS 7HG (0175) 47226). to form cordons. However, stan- Books: Pruning and Training by Christopher Brickell and David dard gooseberries should be bought ready-trained, grafted on Joyce (Dorling Kindersley, £19.99). to a stock of Ribes odoratum.

Taking cuttings and initial The Fruit Garden Displayed by Harry Baker (RHS, £12.99).

HOW TO GROW BLACKCURRANTS

■ There is a certification scheme for blackcurrants. Choose a good variety from healthy stock.

■ Prepare the ground well, digging in plenty of well-rotted manure. Pig manure is recommended but deep-litter poultry compost (6X or pelleted chicken manure) is more pleasant to handle. Hoof and horn dug in at a rate of about 21b to a square yard will provide a slow-release organic fertiliser.

Plant the bushes a good 2in deeper than the original soil-depth mark, because the plants are shallow rooting.

Prune shoots back to one outward-facing bud above soil level. Mulch well in spring.

■ The bush should produce about six or seven shoots, which will fruit the following year.

■ At pruning time — next September and October — prune out weak or low-growing shoots.

Keep the bush well watered. Blackcurrants are shallow rooting. A bucketful now and then that soaks through the mulch into the soil is better than a fine spray that dampens only the surface.

■ In subsequent years, apply a balanced fertiliser, preferably one containing trace elements, at a rate of about 105-140g (312-502) per square metre in early spring before mulching. Organic gardeners can rely on a regular autumn mulch of well-rotted manure.

Blackcurrants fruit best on wood produced the previous year. Annual pruning consists of removing old wood, where the bark is dark brown or black, encouraging the bush to produce more new shoots from the base each year.

■ BLACKCURRANTS: where late frosts are rare and space is plentiful, older cultivars such as 'Boskoop Giant' and 'Baldwin' are recommended for flavour. Newer cultivars, such as Ben Sarck and, newest of all, 'Ben Connan', are hardier and more compact. The latter has heavy crops of large fruits and is resistant to powdery mildew and leaf-curling midge.

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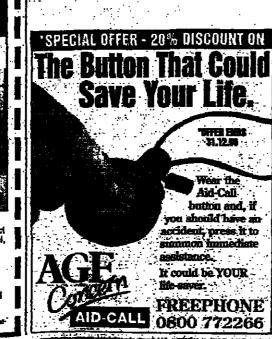


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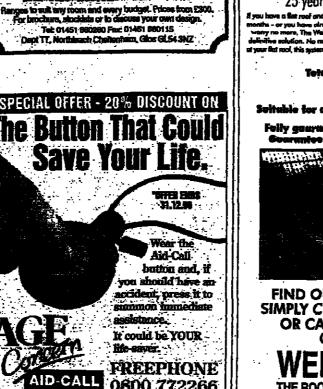
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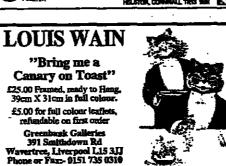
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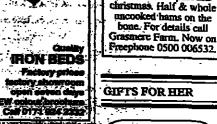
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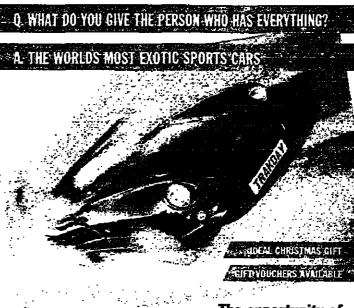
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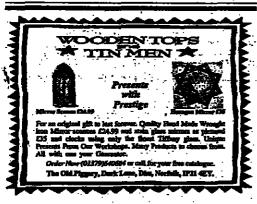






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Break from the norm

THE Landmark Trust, a charity that restores unusual and historic buildings and lets them for self-catering holidays, has some new houses on its books for 1997. including Sackville House. Tudor-cum-Elizabethan timber-framed house in the High Street. East Grinstead. West Sussex, and God-dards, a Lutyens house at Abinger Common, Surrey.

The charity is becoming more flexible about its offseason breaks. Starting this month, customers can book

a weekend break (Friday to Monday), a midweek stay (Monday to Friday), or a whole week, which can start on a Friday or Monday.

The average price for a weekend break for four to six people is just under £300 (inclusive). Prices vary according to the region in which the property is based. For example, ten people can have a winter weekend break at Meikle Ascog, a 19th-century house on the Isle of Bute, in the Firth of Clyde, Scotland, at less than

£40 a head, £357 in total. But in midweek it could be as little as £25 per person (£250). Alternatively, a week spent at this elegant home costs £482.

The trust's handbook (£8.50, refundable on booking), gives full details, including histories, of its range of properties.

The trust is virtually fully booked for Christmas and New Year and is taking bookings for Easter 1997. (Landmark Trust, bookings 01628 825925.)

Just right for the caveman

AN ANCIENT cave which helped rewrite the history books is for sale. It lies beneath a Victorian terraced house in Brixham, south Devon. The cave was discovered in 1858 when a local entrepreneur, Mr Philp, bought a large tract of land on Windmill Hill in Brixham with a view to building houses. The cave proved that pre-historic man lived

alongside pre historic animals. Contemporary records describe the cave as being about 135ft by 100ft, "containing some large galleries and smaller chambers", although it is actually larger. The cave has five entrances, and the galleries measure about 6ft wide by 10ft high. Excerpts from the Geological Soci-

ety's pamphiet tell how bones belonging to cave bears, red deer, a wolf, a hyena, a fox, rabbits, a woolly rhinoceros and a mammoth were found, side by side with man made flints... "and the skeleton of a

mature animal of gigantic size."

Mr Philp built a house above the cave, which remained a great attraction long after most of its exhibits were taken to the Natural History Museum in London.

Now a scheduled Ancient Monument, it is one of the most important caves in the country and is being sold with the house for £50,000.

"The the cave runs into the hillside behind the house, the agent, says. "It has a long, windy turnel with outcrops of stalactites and stalag-mites. On one of the stalagmites you can see a piece of reindeer antier stuck to the rock. Archaeologically. the whole cave is both interesting and important." (Details from Jim Churchill, estate agent, Brixham, Devon, 01803 882671.)

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The house, which will need 160 tonnes of stone costing about £100,000, will be constructed with authentic features such as flagstone floors, mullioned windows and oakpanelled walls. The architect has borrowed from the styles of famous country homes in Gloucestershire, homes such as Sherbourne House.

near Northleach. David Goodbody, of Corswold Hill Stone at Ford, near Stow-on-the-Wold, says: "We supplied stone for two smaller houses for the same architect last year."

History to let

THE National Trust is letting Lower House, in Kelmscott, Lechlade. Gloucestershire, and the hirthplace of William Morris. It is asking £1,500 a week for a five-year let, through Cluttons' Oxford office.

The house is built of local lime-stone, has stone slate roofs, and incorporates many of the original 17th-century features, such as mul-lioned windows, a scrolled wooden door canopy, fireplaces and wood panelling.

There are two main reception rooms, a large kitchen, two bath-rooms, five bedrooms, a large garden and an adjoining stone barn.

Jonathan Scott-Smith, of Cluttons, says: "Lower House has immense character and it would not take much to make it into a really beautiful family home." (Cluttons, Oxford, 01865 24661!). Million dollar act

THE estate agent John D. Wood is asking £1 million for 215 Kings Road. Chelsea, southwest London, the former home of Dame Ellen Terry, the actress, who lived there from 1904 until 1920, and is commemorated by a brown plaque on the front of building.

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Ellen Terry's £1 million house

four-bedroomed Georgian house include Dr Thomas Arne, the com-poser of Rule Britannia, Princess Elizabeth of Yugoslavia and Peter Ustinov.

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original asking price.
Geoffrey Edmead, of Foxtons. says: "We acknowledge that there is risk in delayed completions — prices could go up or down in the interim—but sellers can also appreciate the benefits it brings in terms of greater flexibitity and security."

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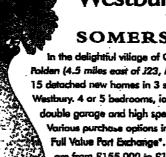
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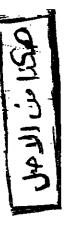
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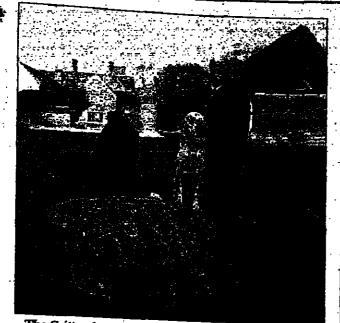
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The Crittendens with cider press (background, right)

To the manor **SWorn**

lizabeth I owned but never slept at Bretforton Manor, now for sale at £850,000 - considerably more than the amount she got in 1576 when she sold it to her. favourite, the Earl of Leicester, reputedly at the full market price. So much for royal romance.

Dating from the 14th century and radically remodelled in 1602, the house almost buckled when left derelict in the hard-nosed property market of the early 1990s, until rescued and revived by Janet and Brian Crittenden in an act of faith bordering, as they say, on-lanacy. Two otherwise sensible people paid £300,000 as seen, or in this case, as

The property had been vandalised by the weather, the main staircase, some of the floorboards and all the

they were hidden under the black grime of neglect. Two years, a further £300,000, and 17 assorted builders and craftsmen later. the butter-coloured stone, Grade II listed manor emerged from its tarpaulins, complete with the Elizabethan panelling, which was discovered broken into small sections and rebuilt piece by piece in the entrance hall like

a giant jigsaw — a task, I was told, "not as difficult as doing

The Times crossword. As I lady-of-the-manored my way through the garden among the oaks, limes and beeches, crunching scarlet yew berries underfoot, it occurred to me that if I was getting six bedrooms, five bathrooms and four reception rooms in 7.3 acres—with outbuildings and grounds worth their own glossy brochure — £850,000

seemed a bargain. Elizabethan panelling were missing. The floors recked of says some people prefer the cats and, if there were any other original features left, The agent Knight Frank



A paved corridors at Bretforton Manor, which took two years and more than £300,000 to restore to its original splendour

Appointment neighbouring county of Gloucestershire, where commuting to London is easier, and where this house would fetch about £1.5

However, moving to the Vale of Evesham is hardly being cast into the outer darkness, and living on the edge of a working village whose charter dates from 714, which has not yet been reduced to a dormitory suburb for weekenders, strikes me as a positive advantage. You can use your personal lych gate to the churchyard,

or suddenly appear, panto-mime-style, in the village street from one of the many ancient wooden doors set in the garden wall, putting shops, a primary school and a pub all within walking

his is no cold, forbidding pile set in mu-seum aspic; Bretfor-ton has an informal atmosphere of a large village house, despite its many rooms, stone-flagged cor-ridors and beamed, barn-like hall, where the Bathshebas

of the Worcester apple world unsettled the harvest suppers, and a muslin-swathed maiden aunt had one vapour too many and expired of TB while admiring the view. Here the apple crop was processed in the 17th-century black-and-white timbered, thatched cider press, still standing in good repair on the lawn and now used as a very superior garden shed.

On the miserable autumn day I visited, the house was full of light — its E-shape giving most rooms windows on two sides. There was no feeling of "I wouldn't like to be alone here watching Tales of the Unexpected on a foggy November night".

A surprising amount of its history can still be traced. Local legend has it that the born-again oak panelling was taken from a Spanish fighting ship lost at the time of the Armada.

Little remains of the original 14th-century monastery but the gargoyles over the front porch; a Jacobean ivory-coloured plaster frieze decorates the stairwell; the large stone mullioned and



The refurbished hall, fireplace and Elizabethan panelling

HOUSE OF THE WEEK

Bretforton Manor, Bretforton, Evesham, Worcestershire ⊕ Price: £850,000 ⊕ Setting: Off the beaten track, 4 miles east of Evesham close to Worcestershire/Gloucestershire border, but easy helicopter ride from Harvey Nichols. Reasonably close to Cheltenham for the races or the ladies' college depending on your priorities. C Shopping: Bretforton village has managed to keep hold of its post office, primary school, shops, newsagent and two pubs. Nearest shopping Birmingham.

century, as are, in the kitchen, the beams, hooks, bread oven and ammunition cupboard (positioned near the fireplace to keep the

gunpowder dry).
Call me old-fashioned but the thought of this carefully restored house being turned into 12 maisonettes, with two four-bedroomed houses in the courtyard, makes me blanch. The bad news, then, is that the previous owners obtained planning consent for this conversion; the good news is that the Crittendens ignored it.

Being custodians of history does not mean suffering medieval plumbing and firstgeneration wiring. The basics are up to date and the central heating system is designed so that the house can be warmed in four separate zones.

And the house is only the half of it. The grounds had reverted to nature so enthusiastically that the Crittendens didn't realise they

shuttered windows are 17th owned an orchard until one of their children, clearing the brambles, discovered a wooden bridge by the lake and explored.

Step out on to the lawn. vhere the Bretforton Silver Band plays for charity in summer and at Christmas, towards the edge of the copse by the all-white garden There stands the unrestored Victorian aviary where canaries once sang, and the

Stroll a little further to inspect the dovecote and village stocks waiting for their moment to come again.

Do not think that the Crittendens have done all the work for you: the coachhouse, stables and tack room are unrestored, full of dust, clutter, ancient oak cupboards, and an enclosed staircase. This is left for future generations of the next family to make their mark.

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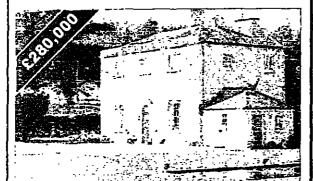




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Earty Coun. Eastly near Sandwich. Grade I listed house in 1.6 acres agraders and grounds. Isted in the Guinness Book of Records as the oldest inhabited remains in Britain. The house was built for King Sthelbert and Queen Bertha of Kent in AD 603 on the site of a former archiepiscopal palace. It was handed to the monks of Christ Church in Canterbury in AD 827 by King Ethelred the Unready. Eight bedrooms, two bathrooms, two shower-rooms, four reception rooms, study, kitchen/breakfast room. Outbuildings. About \$550.000 (Stud & Parker, 01227 451123)

Fireplace sales hot up

there is nothing crackle of logs burning in a grate, the pop of chestnuts roasting out of their skins, and the taste of crumpets toasted before the flames.

After years of being spurn-ed by modern housebuilders, and with the growth of central heating, fireplace surrounds are now so greatly admired that they are becoming status symbols. A good surround can be costly. One English Rococo marble specimen was sold recently for £450.000 by Crowther of Syon Lodge, Isleworth. Middlesex, specialists in architectural antiques.

The company's showroom offers dozens of fire surrounds, including an elegant early 18th-century English marble example at £19,500, an elaborately carved early 19th-century marble one from the former Iranian Embassy in London (gutted by fire at the end of the 1980 by fire at the end of the 1980 siege) at £50,000, and a £30,000 Regency example from Melton Lodge, London, with a centre tablet showing a family of beavers building their ledge. their lodge.

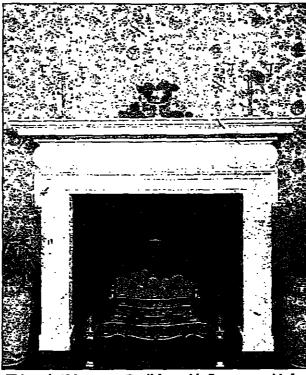
Such pieces add value to properties, says Edward Caudwell, of the Chelsea estate agents Aylesford. "We sold a house in Petersham, southwest London, in which the client had put in two fire surrounds and said that they were available only by sepa-rate negotiation. The buyer paid several thousand extra to keep them.

At a £500,000 house we sold, the owner took a surround with him because it was a wedding present." Had the building been listed he could have met with opposition, because such listings usually cover fireplaces. even if they are not the same age as the house.

The value of a fire surround can lead to other problems. The playwright Christopher Hampton, who recently moved to Notting Hill, west London, was dismayed to find all the fire-places in his new house had been stolen, including one he had transported from his old home in Hammersmith. Peter Wetherell, of agency

Wetherells, says: "We have a

Today's fire surrounds add more than sentimental value to a home



This early 18th-century English marble fire surround is for sale at £19,500 by Crowther of Syon Lodge, Middlesex

property in St James's Square where there's 24 hour security because the fireplaces are worth a fortune."

Most fire surrounds are surprisingly easy to remove. since they are usually held to the wall only by half a dozen wire or screw ties, covered with a superficial layer of plaster. They often divide into four pieces: mantel, two uprights and the centrepiece.
"Sometimes. we cement

these fireplaces in while a building is being refurbished. Mr Wetherell says. 'When we show buyers around, they see a bunker on the wall. We have to ask them to take our word for it that there is a fireplace."

But, once, he was wrong: A thief came and stole the fireplaces from behind their bunkers, then re-concreted. We had no idea they were gone until the property was sold and we took the bunkers away. Now, many of our clients take chimney pieces out, put them in secure

storage while they develop a property, then put them back when it's finished."

Developers are aware of the value of good fire sur-rounds. North Acre is refurbishing 25 houses in Kensington, London, and replacing missing surrounds with marble reproductions.

nother developer. Thirlstone Homes, commissioned Lord Linley's Furniture Company to make ten fire surrounds costing several thousand pounds. "We felt they gave the houses in-dividuality." says Tony Pidgley, the managing direc-tor. When buyers are choosing their fire surrounds we find they often pay a lot more than the builder's allowance. If we allowed £1,000 for one, we'd sometimes find they

would spend £2,500." Some builders and homeowners buy antique fire surrounds from specialist yards. Mick Clarke, of Clarke's of Buckfastleigh. Devon. says:

"There's no textbook guide to the value of an antique fireplace. My prices fluctuate according to whether it's difficult to get something, and how easy it is to sell. There are very few Regency and Georgian houses in this area, so it is hard to sell fireplaces from those eras. "We have a classic Re-

gency marble fire surround gency marble are surround with bull's eye rondels that would be sought after in Bath or Cheltenham that we're selling at £900. A similar style in pine sells for about £245, which is roughly where our Victorian iron inserts start inserts start.

"A Victorian Sicilian greyflecked white marble sur-round costs E900 to £1,200." Marble is as popular now for a fire surround as it was in the late 19th century when people who could not afford the real thing bought slate surrounds skilfully painted

to mimic marble.

There is also a new demand for Welsh slate fireplaces, and Cwt y Bugail Slate Quarries at Blaenau Ffestiniog, Gwynedd, restarted production six years ago. A full fireplace costs £1,200, but most developers buy a single £60 slab of slate to form a floor for a woodburning stove.

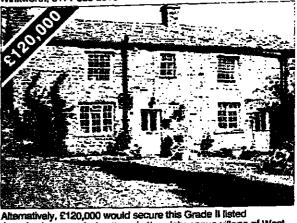
Stone fire surrounds are also enjoying a revival. Farmington Stone, of North-leach. Gloucestershire, makes Cotswold stone ver-sions for various builders, including Beazers and Bry-ant. Prices start at £300, rising to £10.000 for intricately carved one-offs.

"An American billionaire, who fell in love with a Cotswold mansion while touring over here, decided to build an exact replica in Pennsylvania, and we were commissioned to supply the architectural stonework and the fire surrounds," says Martin Robins, of Farming-ton's. "Now, deep in the heart of America, you can sit around a Cotswold stone fireplace and warm the cockles of your heart."

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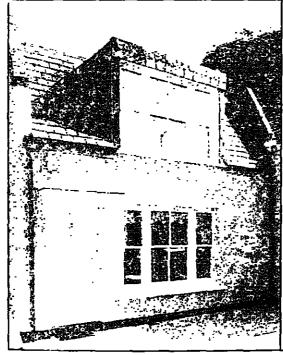
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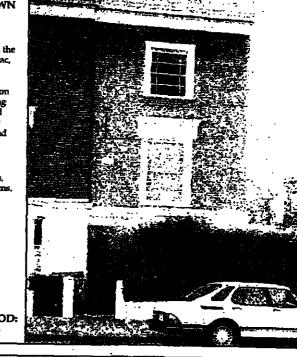
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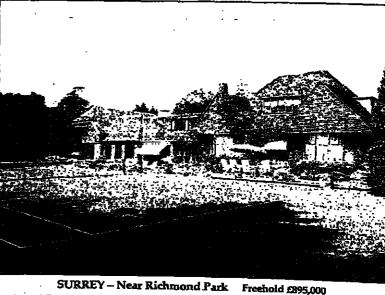
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Now let us praise the knacker's yard men



asy though it is to moan about what the countryside does not have, let us, for one moment, give thanks to two noble rural callings which have come to my rescue this past week. Neither, I am afraid, make a first choice of breakfast reading; more tender souls may wish to save this article until later. But these things are the everyday nuts and bolts of rural life. The first is septic tanks, the second is moribund livestock

I have owned two septic tanks in my life. I was desperately proud of the first, and am somewhat ashamed of the second. Plumbers from far and wide used to come and pay their respects to the first; they would lift the iron lids and gaze in wonderment into the bubbling depths, marvelling at brickwork that only a Victorian could have created.

It was truly like a temple in there; curved arches of bright red brick as carefully crafted as any. town hall entrance. The whole edifice was built in three sections, the contents cascading from one to the next, at every fall becoming purer until, at the end, there was nothing left but water. This soaked away into the orchard and gave us bumper crops. It never gave off odour, never needed attention, never required emptying. It was a perfect marriage of biochemistry and brickwork. And I miss it dreadfully.

We now have a septic tank built in the 1970s, and it is a poor imitation. Instead of being able to forget all about it, as I could with

Rampsgill Head, more wear

way a couple of millennia

ago. A few more million feet

have added their impression

where the ground is soft, or

in shining smoothness where

the surface cover has worn

Over Kirkstone Pass, cars

wind their way like a procession of ants. But the good

news is that the Lake District

Tourist Board has discov-

ered that, mercifully, only a

minority of motorists venture more than a few yards from

Ambleside is at the centre

of a spider's web of tracks,

the Fairfield Horseshoe

picked out in a grey, metallic

ine where passing feet put a polish on the underlying

granite. Westward into the

amphitheatre of Great Lang-

dale we glide above the slopes created by Pike o'

Stickle, Rossett Crag and

Bow Fell, names that have

magic in them to those who

The scars are plainly visible; scars inflicted

by those who, ironi-

cally, come here to admire

away to the rock.

their vehicles.

love this place.

The earliest was caused by the feet of Roman legion-naires, who marched this

and fear is plainly visible.

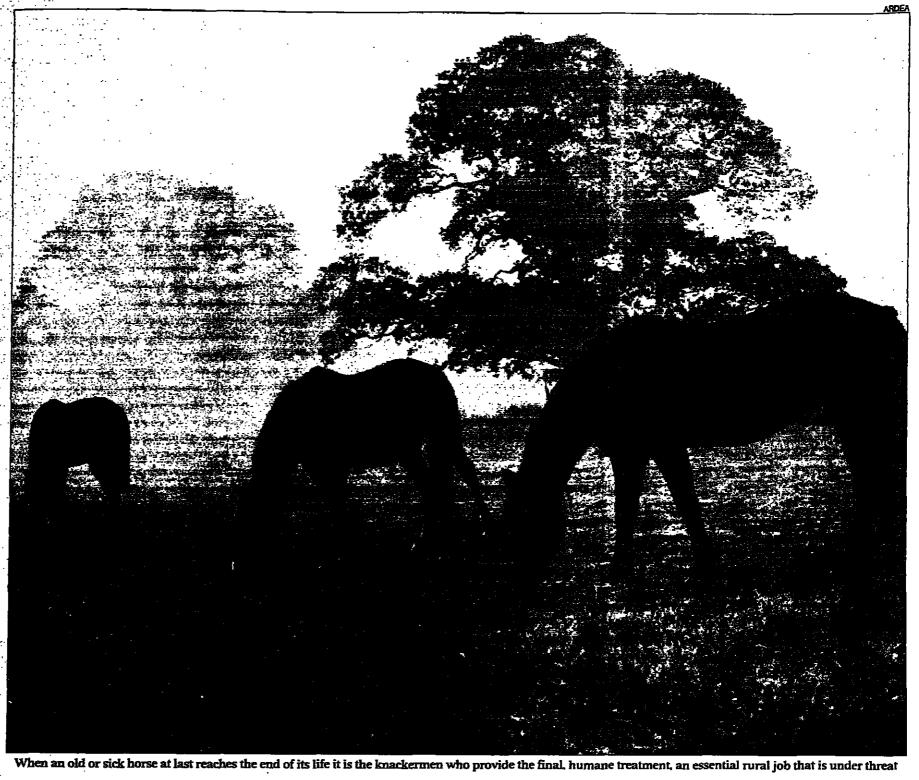
my first, this one regularly draws my attention to it. First, it emits a slight odour and, if Lignore that, it will start to heave its lids at me like something from a Spielberg movie. It is telling me it is full. It should never be full. I have tried telling it to get its idle act together and learn a bit of basic biochemistry, anaerobics and all that, but it will have none of it. The result is that I phone the tanker driver who comes with his great stinking sucker and solves the problem for a while.

The septic tank man is the first of the rural callings to which I ask you to give thanks. He is de-scended from a noble lineage that can trace its roots back to the through the dark with his horse and cart, emptying privies.

Of course, towns are not without their sewage engineers, but the difference for country folk is that we have to face ours, look them and our residues in the face. Those of us who have no access to the main drains have to take care of the business ourselves.

Have you tried to make small talk to a man who is emptying your cesspit? I could easily close the windows, hide and let him get on with it, but it seems only right to share in the grief. After all, if he gets lonely out there he might decide to pack the whole business in, and who then would deal with the filthy rising tide?

I am grateful to him and his profession for the service he provides. And also to the man who this week had to remove



from the farm the carcass of my daughter's pony. Ebony was struck down, as horses sometimes are, by a sudden, crippling abdominal problem which reduced her from full fitness to final torment in a matter of hours.

It is bad enough to have to watch the painful death of a much-loved family pony; there is another kind of panic when one considers what to do after the vet has administered that kindest form of medicine, the exploding bolt of the humane killer. Knackermen, as they are still

Much as it may distress us, called, are members of another there comes a time in an animal's

when it comes to the humane and

dignified treatment of dead or

dying animals — particularly

horses - knackermen can claim

to have done as much for animal

welfare-as any number of fancy

profession for which we must be grateful. Knackering is never life when the bullet is the kindest thing. I would not wish to press going to be offered as a career the trigger, or deal with the aftermath, and remain thankful option to school leavers, ap-plicants for an NVQ in it would that there are men who will. be few and far between, and I fear they are never going to make it on to a calendar of rural crafts. But

t is another of those essential rural jobs that is hanging on by a hair's breadth. As was explained to me, tactfully, deadstock used to be collected free of charge; now it costs £60. It is because the knacker used to be able to sell the bones and offal to be rendered into bonemeal. But the latest controls over possible BSE have put a stop to that.

l gladly paid for a decent disposal of Ebony, thankful that it was available; I shudder to think of the financial blow the new charges must be to farmers — hill farmers, for instance - already operating on the breadline.

Anyway, as I watched the stiff, black body of the poor mare being winched unceremoniously into the back of the truck, destined probably for pet food, I remem-bered the days even before my daughter rode her, when she was my smart driving pony and we trotted through lanes, sniffing blossom together, enjoying the

fresh air, the thrill of the open road; the icing on the cake of country living.
Sometimes there are things

about real life out here that are raw and difficult to swallow; the bits that the glossy country maga-zines never feature, the crumbs of daily rural life that are to few

It does not mean these things should be forgotten.

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RONALD FAUX on how artificial paths can save the Lake District

f you fly slowly over the Lake District hills in a small aircraft, the erosion inflicted by the sheer pressure of feet springs into alarming focus. Like scars on a familiar face, worn footpaths stand livid against the giant flanks of Helvellyn and Skiddaw. The track to the summit of Grisedale Pike has the pallor of bone breakto the acre ing the surface of skin. As the aircraft banks above the pathway across High Street, between Froswick and



Catbells (1,482ft), near Derwentwater, is one of the areas

the very scenery that is, perhaps, threatened by their Professional and volunteer groups are dedicated to stemming a seemingly im-

placable tide, one not unique to the Lake District. In the neighbouring Yorkshire Dales, Three Peaks Walk has become a man-made cause-way one merre wide, threading across moorland in a line hardcore dumped by

helicopter.
In the Lake District, the National Park Authority, the tourist board, the National Farmers' Union and the Friends of the Lake District gonise over ways to protect

Just too many feet



where paths are being worn away to bare rock by walkers

the hills.

ers' boots and protecting the

landscape. He talks about

creating "sensitive paths" that blend in with the land-

scape but which can carry

the number of people using

English Nature, North

West Water and the National

Fund, are working out inte-

grated management plans

for two upland areas cover-

pressure than most. But it seems that as one footpath is repaired, another batch of Lake District walking guides hits the bookshelves, introducing another stampede of feet into newly-discovered corners of Cumbria.

Peter Davies, the area manager of the Lake District Park Authority, with finan-cial backing from the Euro-pean Regional Development National Park, says the solution to erosion of footpaths in the upland areas is not to stop people enjoying the hills but to find ways of minimis

(about 27,000 acres) of massif surrounding Helvellyn and Skiddaw.

They have started by counting the numbers of walkers, runners and mountain-bikers who take to the hills on a fine day. From one car park alone on the slopes of Skiddaw, 600 people a week set out.

Alasdair Brock, a project

officer, suggests that controls must be subtle. Limiting car park space could be one way. Eighty-five per cent of the people who climb to the 3,054ft summit of Skiddaw arrive at the foot by car.

Another control might be

to realign paths away from sensitive areas; walkers are probably unaware they are destroying rhacomitrium heath, which is rare and does not take kindly to being trampled on or, for that matter, nibbled by sheep.

n Helvellyn, the project steering group has produced a plan more pragmatic than cunning. They have set up a users' forum to resolve conflicts of interest. England's only population

of downy willow is being protected by strict conserva tion measures and an area of juniper woodland is being

On Dollywaggon Pike, the British Trust for Conserva-tion Volunteers has revived a badly worn footpath to make an attractive alternative to the nearby Striding Edge, a rocky knife-edge under immense pressure from fell walkers.

Sir Chris Bonington, the resident of the Council of National Parks and a resident in the Lake District National Park, believes the programme of professional and voluntary work, in its many strands, is allowing rugged yet fragile mountain areas to absorb the impact of too many feet.

He insists that reducing the numbers of people going into the hills, apart from being difficult to achieve, must never be seen as a solution. The thud of feet may be deafening but he remains sanguine.

Building upland foot-paths in a sensitive way actually enables an everincreasing number of people to enjoy our British hills without doing them severe damage and, at the same

Mystery of the bouncing bird

FEATHER REPORT

LAST WEEKEND I saw a jack snipe. I was in a hide in Hertfordshire that looks over the marshy edge of a small lake. Outside, in the damp sedge, was a small bird crouching motionless. At first glance it might

have been a lump of dead vegetation or mud. But if you looked hard you could see it was a plump little bird, with its head buried between its brown shoulders. Along its back there was a yellow-buff line that gleamed in the sun.

It was clearly a snipe, and from its size it seemed to be a jack snipe, which is three inches shorter than a common snipe. However, sizes of birds are hard to judge, and the only clear difference is that the jack snipe's beak very much shorter. But this bird's beak was hidden.

A common snipe oblig-ingly came wading across from a muddy island at that moment, displaying plainly its long, pencil-like beak. It looked a much bigger bird than mine, yet the compari-son was still. I felt, not decisive.

The mystery bird remained motionless, sleeping confidently. Out on a muddy island in the lake I watched some teal who were also sleeping, then two green sandpipers came skit-tering in, their white rumps flashing, and landed by the teal. The jack snipe, if that was what it was, remained

stubbornly still.

After a while I decided to go for a walk, and just hope that it would still be there when I came back, but more ready to shift itself. I found two grey herons, also motionless, in a wet meadow. and a very active flock of long tailed tits, swinging on the twigs of some willows.

But I was impatient, and after half an hour went back again. The almost featureless hump was still there, in exactly the same spot. The green sandpipers were bath-ing now, splashing about in the water, then came out and preened. Surely the hump would

shoulders, and I could see the short beak clearly. I could even see the other diagnostic feature — the

absence of a stripe down the crown of the head. It was definitely a jack snipe. And I was to have further confirmation. Suddenly the bird started bouncing up and down on the spot. It was an extraordinary move-ment, like some kind of clockwork toy.

THIS STRANGE behaviour, with the whole body bouncing up and down, is only found in the jack snipe. and in its large relative, the woodcock. It is thought to disturb worms and encourages them to the surface.

As it happened, I went to see Michael Tilson Thomas conducting the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra the following night - and he sometimes bounced up and down on bended legs in exactly the same way as my jack snipe. He was extracting music from the orchestra, not worms from the earth - but it seemed to give a pattern to my weekend.

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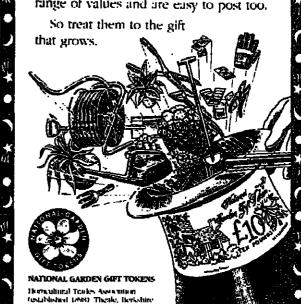
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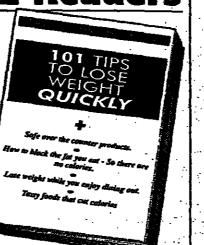
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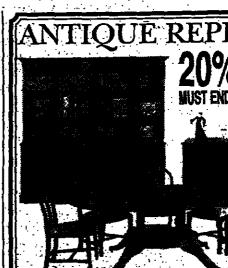
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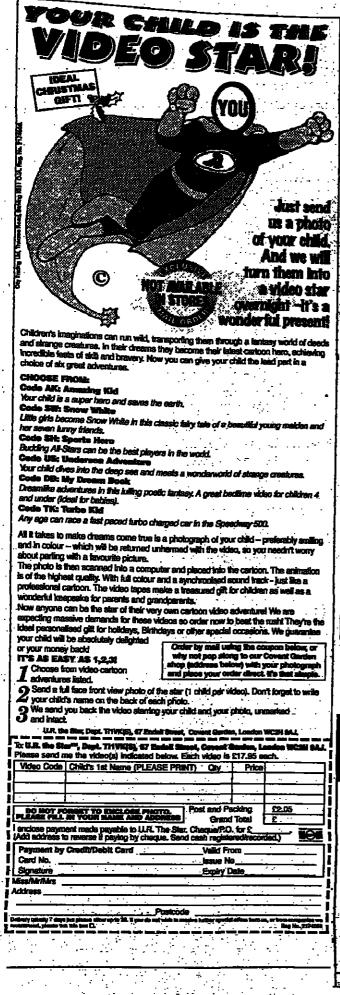
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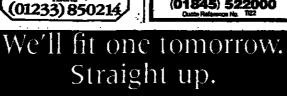
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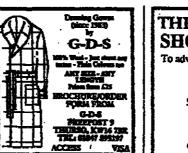






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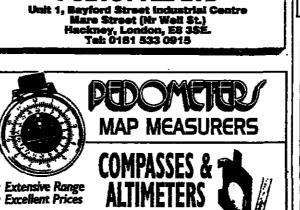
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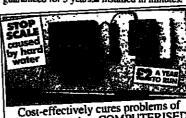
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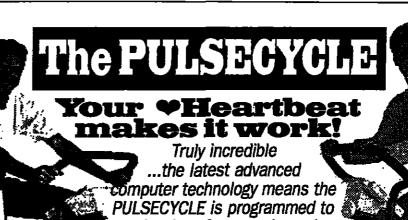
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Fido is a wolf in dogs' clothing

A TV programme tonight explores the wild origin of dogs, the real reason why they bark at the postman and their relationships with owners. NIGEL HAWKES reports

oday's dogs, as varied as the great dane and the Yorkshire terrier, all owe their origins to the wolf. Their instincts and behaviour, even after thousands of years of domestication, still bear the traces of this ancestry.

Quiet and obedient as they may

seem, a more violent and combative nature lies not far below the surface. That Dr Jekyll lying by the fireside can become Mr Hyde when threatened, or when he

ventures out of doors.

The private life of the dog is explored in an innovative documentary. A Dog's World, to be shown on Channel 4 tonight. The programme is an attempt to enter the mind of the dog, to show how they perceive us and the world around them. (Cat-lovers can see the same attempt made to understand their pets next week.)

The dog, says the documentary, is basically a wolf in an arrested state of development — the result of a process known to evolutionary biologists as neoteny.

Wolf puppies are playful, rolling around and threatening nobody. As they get older, they begin to carry things around, showing the instinct to retrieve is genetically imprinted. Later still they learn to imprinted. Later still they learn to herd fleeing animals by running around them in circles, and finally they learn to hunt.

Traces of most of these behaviours are commonplace in dogs. The film shows a family taking its two dogs for a walk in the park. One of the dogs insists on circling incessantly around the group, responding to the ancient urge to herd. But few domestic dogs actually hunt today, if you exclude killing rats and mice, at which they can be swift and

Looking at various breeds of dog it is possible to identify the stage at which development has been arrested. The research was originally done by Professor Raymond Coppinger, of Hampshire College in Amherst, Massachusetts. The Pyrenean mountain dog originally bred to mix with flocks of sheep in the mountains and discourage wolves, is a great puppylike creature that does not herd. retrieve or hunt. But it retains strong pack instincts and is ready to defend sheep against the attacks



Corgis are closer to the wild

of foxes or other dogs. This particular breed has been successfully reintroduced in France and the United States, greatly reducing sheep losses.

Most breeds of dog are the product of arresting the normal course of development at different stages. Retrievers reached the second stage, border collies the third. Corgis, well known for their propensity to nip, are closer to the wild type - but few dogs today go the whole way and learn to hunt.
That needs training, and togs that
are separated from their mothers at eight weeks and begin living in intimate association with humans never get such an education.

hat they do retain, and what tonight's programme illustrates, is a strong pack instinct. In wolves, the hierarchy of the pack is maintained through ritual behaviour, and much the same happens in the home. Dogs are not natural egalitarians. As members of the human pack, they are constantly attempting to assert their position, or to improve it in subtle ways, such as winning the right to sit in a certain chair.

Often they will assert these rights in the absence of the pack leader, but fall back into line as soon as he or she appears. The acute hearing of dogs

enables them to leap to the defence of their pack long before any human has detected a threat. A black labrador named Quail, which features in the documentwhich reatures in the document-ary, can recognise the sound of his owner's car engine several streets away, picking up the characteris-tic whine of the gearbox and a rubbing fan belt. The ability to detect and distinguish such high-pitched sounds once helped dogs find small mey and a doc today. find small prey, and a dog today can still locate the source of a sound in one 600th of a second.

Defence of the pack also lies behind the barking that greets the milkman and the postman every morning. Dogs do not bark to communicate with one another hunting wolves have much subtler forms of communication — but they have learnt that barking alerts the human pack. The behaviour is strongly re-inforced because it works: bark at

the milkman and he goes away. The fact that he would go away

anyway is lost on a dog.

The most obscure part of a dog's life for us is scent. This is a whole sensual world denied to us because we lack a canine nose. The average dog, the programme as-serts, has 220 million scent receptors in its nose, while we have only about five million. If the membranes of the dog's nose were laid out flat they would cover seven square metres, against half a square metre for humans. The process of stroking and

petting a dog spreads common odours throughout the pack, reinforcing allegiance. To a dog it is a mystery why humans wash away their familiar scents every day, for a dog prefers animal scents to any other. A dog can detect butyric acid, a constituent of human sweat, in concentrations a million times lower than we can. The incredible sensitivity of a

dog's nose may explain how they can appear sensitive to human mood, perhaps detecting tiny changes in body scents that are lost on the rest of us.

Louise Jones, of the production company Wall to Wall, which made the programmes on dogs and cats, says they are an attempt to move away from the timehonoured tradition of natural history filming. "Doing it that way, you send a cameraman away

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As members of the human pack, dogs try to assert their position, such as sitting in a certain chair

for weeks and weeks and write a know what they wanted to film film around what he manages to get," she said. "That seemed to us to be back to front."

The approach taken in the two programmes was, she says, to develop a tight script first and

before they went out. "It doesn't mean you necessarily get it, of course. But we wanted to make the films more like dramas, and we also wanted to incorporate humans. The traditional natural

history film makes a strange creature seem familiar - we wanted to show the strangeness in a familiar creature."

◆ A Dog's Life is on Channel 4

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and so too are our pers— and for the same reasons: a better diet, and plenty of it, better medical care, and better and warmer housing Old age cannot be avoided - nor the associated problems with senility. Animals lems with semility. Animais are designed to last for a limited life. Then bits and pieces start to wear out. Kidneys become inefficient filters, hearts don't pump as well as they did and joint surfaces become eroded; tash wear down, sight and teeth wear down, sight and

hearing fail.

Wild animals don't have these difficulties because few reach old age. Only the agile and quick-witted esagle and quick-witted esagle. cape predators — or win battles with their own kind. Death in nature is often violent and early in life.

Pets are protected from most hazards. The majority of pets reach old age because of good care and attention from their owners. which makes those last years enjoyable, comfortable and interesting.

Old dogs and cats sleep a lot, so make sure they have a good bed, just above ground level (jumping up is hard work) and large enough to allow them to stretch out. Changing position takes the ache out of rheumatic joints. Very old animals get frightened — primitive instincts come to the fore — "I'm weak and frail, can't fight or run away". A sleeping box with a ceiling helps. A large cardboard box on its side. can make a grandfather cat feel secure.

EXTRA meals help, not more food, just more often. Three or four "high spots" daily and more time to absorb nourishment for a digestive system that is slowing down. Getting out of bed to feed or stroll outdoors avoids that stiffening which happens after a long lie down

long lie down.
Old dogs need walks. Exercise provides a high spot, a chance to empty an unreliable bladder. Welltrained dogs are upset if accidents occur.

Grooming is extra-important in old age — especially in cats and long-haired dogs because it is too much trouble to keep themselves clean. The coat gets matted, templed, and rechange flear. tangled and perhaps flea-ridden. Use a comb, even if the dog or cat objects. After they've endured combing and look clean and tidy again, pride is restored and they feel more comfortable.

If your dog or cat drinks more water than usual, if overnight puddles appear, if a cough starts, or feeding becomes difficult, visit the vet. While you're there see if the nails need cutting shorter walks mean less wear — or the teeth need descaling. And if any funny lumps appear, find out what they are. Don't avoid asking if it is malignant. Most aren't. Nothing will make a pet live for ever, but little attentions can make life enjoyable to the end.

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RUTH GLEDHILL on the ordination of Anglicans into the Catholic Church

Preaching to the converted



people robed in white, and where did they come from? The Book of the Apocalypse, or Revelation told us: They are those who

have passed through the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the lamb." Seated in fron of us but soon to prostrate themselves before the throne on the sanctuary steps, there were indeed ten men aged from 31 to 82, all robed in white. Cardinal Basil Hume, on the throne and dressed in white robes, was about to ordain them as priests in the Roman Catholic church.

This was no ordinary ordination. These men had once been priests. vicars, in the Church of England. Four of them were married, some with children. In the belief that their mother church did not possess the authority it claimed when its governing body, the General Synod, voted to ordain women priests, they had taken the difficult decision to convert to Catholicism. Westminster cathedral was packed, with standing room only. with the priests' families and their new and old congregations welcoming them to their new church.

Mgr Thomas Egan, the Vicar General of the diocese, called the candidates forward and presented them to Cardinal Hume, asking him to ordain them in the name of the holy mother Church". "Do you judge them to be worthy?" asked the Cardinal. "After inquiry among the people of Christ and upon recomtheir training. I testify that they have been found worthy," Mgr Egan said.

mendation of those concerned with The ten men had enjoyed a fast track to ordination, thanks in part to their previous service in the Anglican church. The situation here is delicate. because 100 years ago the Pope decreed that Anglican orders were



Cardinal Basil Hume at Westminster

"null and void", and officially that is still the view. However, the present Pope, John Paul II, has granted a special dispensation to allow the Anglicans to be ordained, even where they are married, and despite the Catholic Church's celibacy rule... Cardinal Hume read a statement

from Rome: "The Holy Catholic Church recognises that not a few of the sacred actions of the Christian religion as carried out in communities separated from her can truly engender a life of grace and can rightly be described as providing access to the community of salvation," he said. He thanked God for their years of faithful ministry in the Anglican church, "whose fruitfulness for salvation has been derived from the very fullness of grace and truth entrusted to the Catholic Church."

The Cardinal then examined the candidates. They were required to be conscientious fellow workers with the bishops in caring for the Lord's flock, to celebrate faithfully the mysteries of Christ, to exercise the ministry of the word worthly and wisely and to

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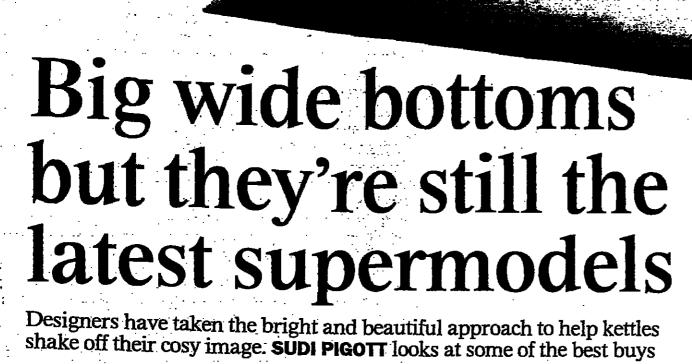
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consecrate their lives to God for the salvation of his people. This was All Saints Day, and the cantor led us in the evocative Litany of the Saints, before the Cardinal prayed for God to pour out upon these servants of yours the blessing of the Holy Spirit and the grace and power of the priesthood".

Those about to be ordained, who had been prostrate, then stood while, in silence, the Cardinal laid his hands on the head of each one, and all the priests present did the same. They were invested with their stoles and chasubles while we all sang Veni, creator Spiritus.

These ordinations, on the 50th anniversary of the Pope's ordination; brought the number of former Anglicans ordained in Westminster to 27. with more due to be ordained next year. More than 300 Anglican clergy have resigned from the Church of England over the ordination of women priests.

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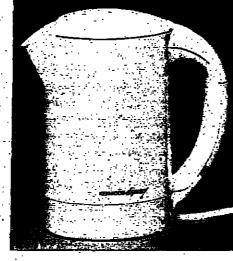


TO WHISTLE or not to whistle is the hot question in the kitchen. The new steam kettles are available not only in kitchen co-ordinated colours, but in provocative shapes and ultra-modern materials, and may even have a designer label - Philippe Starck's radical design for Hot Bertaa couldn't be further removed from the kettle's former cosy image. Gleaming, polished steel kettles are still in greatest demand, reflecting the popularity of high-tech,

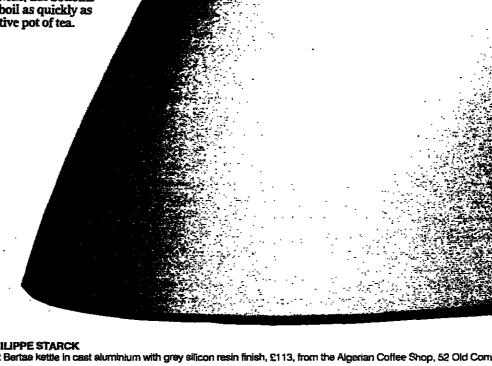
industrial-look cookers. And hob-top kettles are back, complete with nostalgic whistling lids. The idea of a tea-kettle first came from China, but the covered and spouted kettle that we know was developed in the early 1800s, coinciding with the introduction of the afternoon tea ritual. Tea-tasters generally favour kettles that have wide, flat bottoms so that they bring the water to the boil as quickly as possible to help to make the definitive pot of tea.



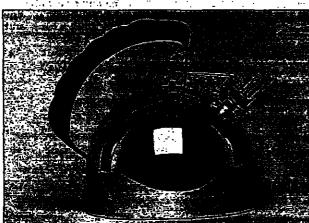
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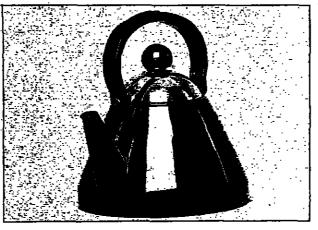
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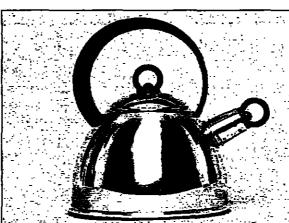
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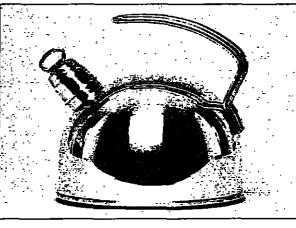
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Like a thief in the night

n the same way that the little old lady in James Thurber used to leave her belongings in a pile outside the door, with a note saying. "Dear burglar, please take these and do not use your chloroform, as this is all I have", I spend a a lot of time brooding about burglars.

Lying in bed listening to the sinister cadenza of squeaks and moans that is part of the nightly repertoire of a house jerry-built by early 19th-century navvies, I tell myself that worrying about people coming and committing outrages on my property and person is a perfectly reasonable thing to do, especially if, like me, you live alone with a four-year-old in a reasonably dodgy part of southeast London.

Shortly after moving in. I went through the motions of the con-cerned and responsible householder, fitting window locks to the elegant sashes (themselves of a lacelike fragility) and installing a front door of brutish solidity. bristling with multiple deadlocks. Three years have passed without incident, though I am always faintly amazed, on returning home after the briefest journey, to

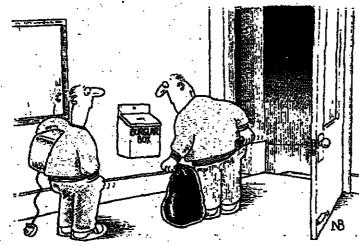
find the place intact. Pendant to my anxiety about villains breaking in, is my fear of being shut out. This probably has its origins in a memorable Christ-mas day a couple of years ago, when our festive visit to my sister and brother-in-law was enlivened by their locking themselves out of their magnificent Kensington flat,

their magnificent Kensington flat, incarcerating in the process their two highly sensitive cats, together with a large number of gaily burning candles.

In the end they had to call the fire brigade to break their nice stout door down. It took the gallant fellows, once they distorted laughing, about 30 secstopped laughing, about 30 seconds, using a handy implement called a wrecker bar. They turned down my sister's offer of mince

PERSONAPHE

BY ROSE CHARLTON



pies. Said they'd been doing this all day and couldn't manage another morsel, thanks all the same. I always wonder if bur-

glars know about wrecker bars. Well, anyway, there we were, my son and I, one day last month. taking advantage of the last bit of sunshine this year to eat our Marmite sandwiches in the front garden, which had burst out in a rash of late blooming Gloire de Dijon. Keen to capture the scent of the Last Rose of Summer, I flung open the windows and doors, careful, as always, to put the front door on the latch. Afternoon turned to evening; Alexander fell asleep after his usual allowance of bellicose 19thcentury verse (The Gatting's jammed and the Colonel's dead Night fell I wandered around relocking windows and bolting the fearsome grilles that

cover the back door, and went to bed, to be woken some time later, in the pitch dark, by the sound of a foot on the stair.

This, in itself, was not especially creepy. Alexander is impatient with my slugabed habits and is frequently to be heard making his way downstairs, on private business, in the hours around dawn. Usually, however, he announces his intentions in a sepulchral voice outside my door.

this time, it occurred to me. the step seemed strangely heavy for a four-year-old. And what was that curious dragging noise? Furthermore surely the penetrating smell of stale tobacco wafting under the bedroom door could have nothing to do with my dear little son? In horrid slow motion it struck me that, at last the much-dreaded burglars had arrived. And more-over, that no breaking and entering had been necessary. I had, by leaving the front door on the

leaving the front door on the latch, in effect invited them in to my lovely home. Oooh-er.

Frankly, my intensive study of burglar psychology, and whether they were likely to be deceived by my elaborate system of time-switches on the lights, hadn't extended as far as interviewing extended as far as interviewing one in my nightie on the stairs.

I lay very still in the dark and

listened as the footsteps and the dragging noise rose to the land-ing, paused, and descended Accompanied by the sounds of, it struck me, increasingly discontented pacing around downstairs. I put on a pair of knickers and, thus fortified, did a certain amount of stamping about, in the hope that this might encourage whoever it was to push off. This, I was relieved to observe from the landing window, they did, carrying my telly and video, swathed in black binbags, at a slow march down the garden path, like Squirrel Nutkin and Twinkleberry bearing their little girts of honey and minnows to Old Brown. A panicky glance around the premises revealed, a shade insultingly I thought, that absolutely nothing else had been

The Fuzz rang me the next morning, interrupting Alexander's bitter reproaches for allowing him to sleep through all the excitement, to announce that they'd intercepted A Suspect, strolling up the hill with a telly in tow. Oh goody, said I, if it's mine ask him what he's done with the remote control, would you? Unamused, they remarked that I was a Very Silly Girl, with which I could hardly disagree. Though on reflection, most of my sympathy is with the burglars — that lovely open door, beckoning them in, and next to nothing inside worth carrying off

INSPIRATIONS: Cool, sexy and tactile, the soda siphon is newly chic SODA SIPHONS seem to be a

fin de siècle fashion. Invented in the early 1870s, they hit the headlines when Oscar Wilde was wooing Bosie over hock and seltzer at the Café Royal a couple of decades later — the seltzer probably emanating from a si-phon of etched glass or wire mesh on their table. The siphon's second rise to

popularity was in the cocktail-swilling 1920s when the only new design in its century-long life appeared. Instead of the straight-sided siphon — in glass, wire mesh or metal — the stylish double sphere, like a Cona coffee percolator, became the thing. And this design is still the most expensive and sought after today. But why have siphons come back into vogue? Probably

because fashions in drinking are changing again. Back has come the diluted hock and seltzer (we call it spritzer) and, in the puritan 1990s (at any rate as far as alcohol is concerned), back has come the smart, weak drink very different from the 1920s when gin and brandy were diluted with liqueurs and vermouth. Divertimenti. John Lewis and the Conran shop all stock traditional, straight-sided shaped soda siphons in glass. Divertimenti's lightweight

soda siphon in blue glass (£49.95) uses tap water and a soda cartridge: the Conran Shop's glass siphon, protected by wire mesh, not only comes in the traditional shape (£52.50) but also a sphere shape (£59), which, the Conran Shop says, is selling better at the moment. But customers like them both because they are tactile and are a nice weight. And John Lewis stocks a plain black clear bottle siphon (£29.75) and a chrome net bottle

siphon (£35). Alan Blakeman, the editor of the British Bottle Review, who also runs bottle auctions at Elsecar, near Barnsley, says the

How to make life a gas



Traditional straight-sided blue glass soda siphon from Divertimenti

with the rise in smart foreign drinks. "In the early 19th century, the rich drank wine and the poor drank gin. By the late 19th century, with the rise of the railways and international travel. whisky, brandy and even drinks rise of the sods sinhon coincided ... funnas for affeld as Maricany sand

found in bars and hotels. And soda came with them."

The siphon worked on the

same principle as the 1960s makeyour-own soda but, instead of the owner putting a slug of car-bonated fizz into the water via a capsule, the siphon was refilled at the factory. So, unless someone starts a new soda factory, most antique versions are for decora-

tion only.

But old or repro siphons are extremely decorative. Victorian ones come in blue, amber, green and, occasionally, pink. Pink was the height of luxury since the colour was achieved by throwing gold dust into the glass mixture however, fetch only between £50 and £70 at auction or about double that in antique shops. Double spheres with wire mesh

work out about the same. Plain glass siphons dating from 1890 to 1915 are virtually two a penny, selling at between £2 and £3 each — but beware of fakes. Sharp dealers use modern resins to coat the plain glass siphons in more expensive colours. You can check for authenticity by touching the glass with your lips - the most sensitive part of the body — to make sure the glass is adequately cold.

Metallic versions from the

1960s are smart but still cheap at EI or less - because collectors are not interested, says Blakeman. Pick them up at car boot sales and flea markets in brilliant red or silver.

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Stepping stones in the Indian Ocean

The charming Comoros islands have so far escaped a tourist invasion, as JOHN CARTER finds

ou would have to travel a long way to meet a man on the way to his second marriage in the company of his first wife — to whom he

But we had travelled a long way, so our encounter with the wedding procession on the island of Grande Comore was really no big deal. After all, polygamy is commonplace on the islands of the Federal and Islamic Republic set, like stepping stones, in the Indian Ocean between Madagascar and Mozambique.

So there we were, in the village of Vanamboini, watching the procession of men going from the groom's home to the house of his new bride. Our guide, an all-round "Mr Fix-it" known as Papa Claude, had brought us there specifically for the wed-ding and was explaining the protocol. I understood about the gifts for the bride being carried aloft on silver trays, and the display of gold jewellery that was part of the pre-nuptial deal. I even understood that the bride's parents had, according to custom, built the house in which she waited to receive her husband and in which both would live.

What puzzled me, however, was the identity of the solemn-faced lady marching at the groom's side, sharing the shelter of the same large. umbrella.

"She," explained Papa Claude, "is his sister." At the time, I believed him. But having been on Grande Cornore only a couple of: days. I was prepared to believe almost anything about these "Islands of the Moon, as the Arabs called them when they first brought their trading dhows south of the Equator. Others, later, dubbed them "The Perfumed

Although it is a travel writing cliche. Grande Comore is unspoilt, just as the Seychelles were 25 years ago. I would give it about five, maybe ten, years before the tourist rot sets in. We had travelled from Britain via Dubai - a journey of about 17 hours — and we stayed at the Galawa Beach Hotel, which some believe is the only hotel on the island. There are others, but you are unlikely to see them in the

travel companies' brochures. The Galawa Beach Hotel is at Mitsamiouli on Grande Comore, about a 40-minute drive from the airport, and stands on a series of good beaches. Its buildings are just two storeys high, stretching away from the central area where reception, restaurant, bars, swimming pool and shops are located. All its 182 rooms are airconditioned with views through the palms to the

slight element of Gallic anarchy hap-pily pervades the encountered a place where every guest seemed so obvi time: The manager's fluence has produced a touch of Club Med, and inspired his team of local and imported staff to maintain the party spirit.

The chef is from Mauritius, the professional mu-sicians and singers from Madagascar, and the enthusiastic show dancers are local gardeners (and the hotel's English public relations lady) during the day. The entertainment is all the more enjoyable for not being slick and trouble-free with

dancing under the stars and theme evenings. People go to the Comoros for the water sports, or so the experts tell me. The Galawa Beach has a large water sports dive centre, where sailing dinghies and catamarans are provided free, as are windsurfers, canoes, and waterskiing and snorkelling equipment. You pay for scuba diving, game fishing, parasailing and cruises in a

38ft ocean-going catamaran. At the water sports centre,



large female coelacanth the fish about which the "living fossil" stories are written. The species was assumed to have become extinct 70 million years ago. but a specimen was washed up on a South African beach in 1938, and a second caught off the Cocmorian island of Aniouan in 1952.

None has survived, but a local story - impossible to verify during my visit — has it that a team of Japanese scientists believe they have the technology to keep a coelacanth alive and are to be seen from time to time in in a tank of preservative, is a dedicated pursuit of "Old

Four Legs". The Galawa Beach specimen was caught offshore near Grande Comore's airport in 1995.

The Comoros are volcanic islands, with Mount Khartala. on Grande Comore, still active. Naturally it is on the sightseeing schedule, but you need to be fit to climb to its crater. You spend a night in a tent up there, and should be equipped for the Alps rather than the tropics. You also need to bear in mind that the volcano last erupted in 1976 and could blow again at any

The sightseeing tours also take you to the rainforest. which is more like a rain wood, to the island's capital, Moroni, and around the Salimani Plain, an area of spice <u>a</u>nd perfume plantations. The main export, and the reason these became known as The Perfumed Islands", is derived from the flower of the ylang-ylang trees. When picked, they smell like cheap bath soap, but after a ton of petals has been distilled into 20 litres of liquid, the smell is more like elue — appropriate, as the liquid is what makes perfume stick to your skin.

Any place that has to rely on ylang-ylang and vanilla exports deserves a decent break, and the Comorians have decided that tourism is going to be it. The Galawa Beach is part

of the Sun International chain, the creation of Sol Kerzner, the flamboyant South African, and now South Africans make up the bulk of its guests. Johannesburg is, after all, only three hours away. Sun Inter-national has plans for development although, from what I could gather, a controversial project to build on the island of Moheli, the smallest of the Comoros, has been shelved in the face of ferocious opposition from environmentalists.

There is alleged to be an inter-island air service, but when we were there the forlorn aircraft (indeed, the only aircraft) of Air Comore's fleet — a Fokker F27 remained parked at the edge of the airport "because of something technical going wrong", according to Chris-tian Antoine, the hotel manager. Two Soviet-built planes belonging to a Bulgarian charter airline that I had never heard of were spotted rumbling around the Comorian skies, but the thought of travelling in them was

unappealing. It is tempting to delve into the recent history of these islands, with their coups and counter-coups and invasion French mercenaries, but all I would say is that, despite everything, the Comorians have managed to come up smiling. They are blessed with a delightful homeland, for all the volcanic uncertainty of Mount Khartala. and are genuinely pleasant to any strangers who happen to pass their way.

This may be because of what happened to a bunch of villagers who did not extend hospitality to a passing stranger. According to legend, the Prophet Muhammad himself came to an island village and was turned away by all except an old lady who gave him water. He told her to take her family up into the hills, and the offending village was then swallowed up by the sea. Lac Sale on the northeast corner of the island's coast is the location, and visitors are assured that the village still lies beneath its waters.

We went there, and to other photogenic locations. on the day before that wedding at Vanamboini, though it is that particular ceremony which remains strongest in my mind.

There is the memory of the village elders, in their best black and gold robes and koffia caps, walking gravely along the main road, each carrying an omately carved walking stick. There is the sound of the women of the bride's family, chanting and singing in the recesses of the house as the groom's gifts were handed out.

Small children, wide-eyed at the solemnity of it all, collapsing into firs of giggles

when the grown-up solemceremony. Unfortunately, we would not. I asked her what nity became pomposity. There were long speeches, ceremony her brother would just as there are at weddings be performing.

all over the world, though the

presence of a British tele-

vision crew probably raised the tone of the speeches (and

the pomposity) to a higher level than usual.

to our minibus. I was

stopped by the grave-faced

lady who had been walking

beside the groom. In halting

French, she asked if we

would be on the island in a

few weeks' time — she wrote

the exact date in my note-

book — to observe more

Afterwards, walking back

"He is not my brother. He is my husband," she replied. "I am now senior wife." Papa Claude, anxious not to embarrass his monoga-

mous visitors, had chosen to tell a white lie. Lost for words, I asked her again what the ceremony would be.

"A wedding," she replied.
"He is taking a third wife." I was, sadly, going back to Britain and, though I do not expect you to believe it, on the day of the third wedding I was going to St Ives.

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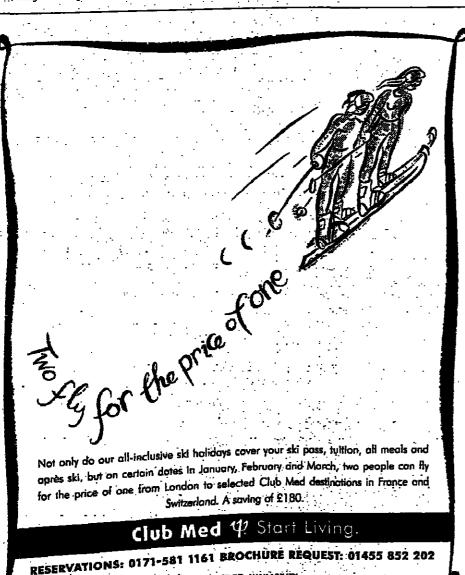
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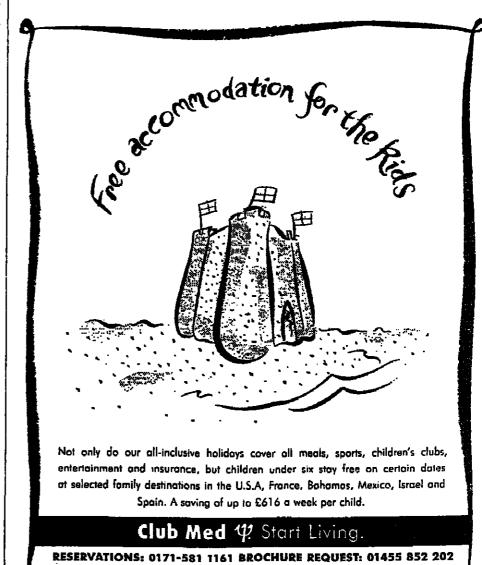
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Blow-out in the Windy City

hicago, so the locals claim, is known as the Windy City because of its political rather than its meteorological climate. I find this hard to believe. Wind-chill factor is the statistic on everybody's lips and -2C on the ground is often accompa-nied by a wind of -30C blasting across the plains of

On one crisp morning I made the cardinal error of stepping outside with damp hair. Within ten seconds it froze to the texture of crispy seaweed. I huddled into the back of a cab, wondering why anyone would build a

village, let alone a city, in such an inclement locale. Craning my neck, I tried to take in the monumental cityscape. It was like looking at the feet of a dinosaur. The city architecture must, apabove to be fully appreciated. Accordingly I went to the top of the Sears Tower, the world's tallest building.

Viewed from the 100th floor, the granite and glass skyscrapers were dwarfed on the streets below, only Lake Michigan retaining its enormity. But the Windy City is not, in the words of the song, mighty pretty. You would not come here to admire the scenery. Thankfully, the shopping, food and cultural life are terrific. On the Magnificent Mile (North Michigan Avenue) department stores such as Bloomingdale's and the grandiose Nieman Marcus, whose Christmas catalogue once included his niner helicopters. And Marshall Field's on State Street is a

Chicago institution. Also fun is Woodfield Mall which provides "suburban sizzle" to the west of the city. Here the shops range from de luxe to déclassé, from handmade Italian shoes to raunchy underwear. I lunched from the "comfort

food" menu in the Rainforest Restaurant beneath a row of life-size plastic elephants who periodically hoot and waggle their ears.

he food was an unexpected delight. After five days I gained at least half a stone, straining the buttons of my jeans, and understood why Oprah Winfrey (whose empire is based in Chicago) has a weight problem.

The greatest thing about Chicago, though, is the culture. The neo-classical Chicago Art Gallery has a world-class collection of impressionist art as well as basement is dominated by Chagall's American Windows, a huge, turquoise stained-glass window made by the artist at the age of 90. The upstairs houses Grant Wood's American Gothic.

Nearby stands Orchestra Hall. A classical music refusenik, I thought I could not possibly appreciate the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Pierre Boulez, in its rendering of Dukas, Debussy and Varese. But the beauty of the concert hall and the music touched even my heathen heart. During the interval I bought chocolates from the man behind the bar.

gesturing towards the audi-torium. "I prefer techno," he said and told me which nightclubs to go to and of his past career as a drag artiste and his skills at giving an instant face-lift with a piece of knotted string. "I'm saving up to have my eyes done," he confided. "They do it with lasers, only \$3,000."

Alas, I never made it to any nightclub. "I. D.?" they asked, as I stood under a moustachioed Mona Lisa mural outside one club. What? Surely I looked over 21? However, as my passport was stowed away in the hotel safety deposit box, there was no techno for me that night.

I went instead to a blues bar, Kingston Mines. Inside the service was surly and the decor grotty. White men in ski jumpers listened to the band, Billy Branch and the Sons of Blues, who were black men in leather trousers. Against all the odds the atmosphere was vibrant.

est of all Chicago's nocturnal entertainments was a comedy club, The Second City. This intimate nightspot on North Wells Street has been going for 33 years, and many comedians started here. I saw a Footlights review which made me laugh until I fell off my seat. The comic invective was aimed at the mediocrity of America itself: the fast food restaurants, the high school proms, the Blockbuster video. For the first time, the citizens of the USA became human in my eyes. Even the name of the club, The Second City, is a wry allusion to the Chicagoan paranoia that outsiders will consider their home town second-rate. They

have nothing to worry about. ALICE DE SMITH • The author was a guest of the Illinois Tourist Board and American Airlines:



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Oak Park is a suburb but you can forget any prej-

Wives Oak Park may look sleepy but it is a crucible and the place where Frank architecture. Wright's first

home and studio are at the centre of Oak Park — and all around are 24 other buidlings that he completed

What is so glorious about Oak Park for the visitor who wants to know more about F.L. Wright is not the nicely understated group tours, or the personal stereo that guides you down wide avenues of splendid houses, but the vivid sense one has of what it must have been like

aries of public taste and see things change. Wright built his own shin-gle house with \$5,000 borrowed from Louis Sullivan (father of the Chicago School.) and the great skyscraper brain behind the rise of that city) and later added a work-

in the dying days of the last

century to push at the bound-

In the serene octagonal library, young F.L. Wright presented his designs to his clients. Sitting around the cak table with the daylight flooding in from the skylight above and the art glass windows to the sides, they must have been aware of the extraordinary talent with which they were dealing.

Many mocked Wright's designs but a small band of rich, cosmopolitan, fairly

Wright and became the own-Houses. These houses were everything that the Victorian "Psycho" houses were not. Low hipped roofs replaced the steep pitch of the past.

Wright's houses hugged the ground, their strong hori-zontal lines emphasised by bands of windows across the building and strong overhanging caves making indoor-outdoor spaces that deliberately blurred the distinction between the airy inside of the house and the

Wright's Prairie Houses were for the American life-style and the American land-scape. They were for modern, open living - little cosy box rooms, heavy drapes and a clutter of furniture and favour of clean spaces done out in natural colours and

For despite Wright's reputation as an urban and suburban architect his inspiration was Nature and elemental geometry. He told students: "The

place for an archi-There is tect to study a vivid of all is Nature. In sense of pushing at the you." around Wright's barriers home and studio now, it's difficult of public taste

monarch Instincduring the first 20 years of tively one knows that this is open-plan house that made a thousand sizoms possible. The TV shows from Dick van Dyke onwards that play out their life in one huge living room are a reminder of why Wright still rates as Ameri-

> are gaggles of Wright grouples in Oak Bark. The Home and Studio are run by an impres-sive foundation largely made up of enthusiastic volunteers who have the Wright Life and Work off by heart. But thanks to their efforts the properties are very well run, there's a terrific bookshop and, for the home decorator, there are reproduction Wright lamps, china, candle-

ca's greatest architect 37

sticks, glass and textiles. Since at an auction a couple of years ago a single table lamp by Wright sold for over half a million dollars one can only boggle at the possible value of the Oak Park property that carries the master's signature.

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■ The Wright Weekend is an annual Wright festival held in Oak Park in May. Ten privately owned houses designed by Wright or his followers are open to the public by ticket at \$45. There are also

special tours, a concert at Unity Temple,

Illinois Bureau of Tourism office in London

and a street party. For details, call the

on 0181-680 0122 or the Oak Park Visitors Centre direct on 001 708 848 1500.

Tours of Oak Park, the House and Studio and Unity Temple are available nearly every day through the rest of the year, organised both locally and through the Architecture Foundation at 224 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago (001 312 922 8687), for whom this is just one of 50

outstanding tours.

The Robie House, a consummate example of the Prairie style, now belongs to the University of Chicago (at 5757 Woodlawn Ave in the Hyde Park region). Free tours are given at noon.

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... but Boston is stuffed with history — even if it has more to do with a television series

Three cheers for the Boston Strangler

does it take to change a toilet roll? the barmaid in the Bull and Finch on Boston's Beacon Street asks loudly. She is wearing a Cheers T-shirt and khaki shorts and is attractive if not exactly Shelley Long. She looks around the bar and beams. "No one knows because it's never been done," she giggles, and a tourist takes her photograph.

We are in Boston's foremost tourist attraction, the bar upon which the TV series Cheers was based and the exterior of which was seen during the opening titles every week. That the inspiration for a fictional TV sit-comshould have more people queuing down the street than the sites of the Boston Tea Party or the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence to Bostonians tells us something about the modern tourist, I suppose. It may, however, be too depressing to reflect too closely upon what exactly because Boston is more stuffed with history than any city in the United States

It is also now very easy to visit. Situated in the heart of New England that most autumnally picturesque part of America, and only a very cheap six and a half hours flight from London (even shorter from Manchester or Glasgow), it is perfect for a sightseeing mini-break, or even a stress-free few days of

cut-price shopping.
Usually when we think of American cities the vast steel and glass canyons of Man-hattan or rolling freeways of Los Angeles spring to mind. But history has ensured that Boston is not like either. The oldest city in the United. States, Boston began life as the centre of a British colony (the Pilgrim Fathers landed 40-odd miles down the road at Plymouth Rock) and everywhere the architecture, with its square, steepled. 18th-century churches, and early 19th-century town houses on Beacon Hill, is a reminder of a colonial and not-very-distant past 🚊 👑 🐷

Inevitably there are now a cluster of high-rise towers (the view from the 42nd floor of the Prudential Builds a geography lesson in itself). and the suburbs stretch for miles around Massachusetts Bay. But Boston itself is a very small place, a walking city, as they say, two thirds built on land reclaimed from the sea in the

19th century.
With limited time a trolley bus sightseeing tour is probably the best way of finding one's bearings, but beware I took the Old Town Trolley Tour, a 100-minute bus ride for £12 past Paul Revere's House the 200-year-old USS Constitution, the State House, the site of the Boston Tea Party and all kinds of nooks and crannies to do with the American Revolution. Historically it should have been fascinating, but I ended up feeling like the Boston Strangler and fantasising that the tour guides

were my victims. The first one said he was studying to be a history teacher although I would have believed him better if he'd owned up to majoring in



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stand-up comedy, the sec ond, though better, seemed to be under the impression that we were all eight year olds at a pantomime, ringing her trolley bell every time she mentioned Paul Revere. which in Boston is about every five minutes.

There are, I'm told, more informative tour guides, so ask around before you get on the bus. History is too important and Boston too in-teresting to be left to motor-mouths with microphones.

Being the education capital of America (there are many universities in the area besides Harvard), Boston is very much a young at heart, professional town, which shows in the wealth of good shopping on Newbury Street, from vast record shops at one end to the smart New York stores at the other. They're all here without the crowds of Fifth Avenue. And this being America, virtually everything is cheaper than in Britain. What surprises most, however, is the diversity of restaurants and

cafes - proof that the nation of immigrants hasn't forgotten the old ways. In Faneuil Hall Marketplace (not unlike Covent Garden in London) I counted 53 restaurants, with specialities ranging from local chowder to Japanese. Mexican and even-Bavarian dishes.

For more leisurely eating there is the Du Barry Restaurant Français, the oldest French restaurant in Boston, on Newbury Street in the Back Bay area. The Cafe Budapest specialises in Hungarian cuisine and there are Legal Seafood Oyster

Bars throughout the city. I'm not really one for museums, and the Old State House, once the British headquarters, in front of which the misnamed Boston Massacre took place, was disappointing, and surely hardly the place for a Second World War retrospective when there is so much earlier history to tell. But if you're interested in art the Venetian folly in which the Isabella Stewart Gardner collection (Rembrandt, Titian, Botti-celli and Matisse) is housed is probably worth the cost of the flight alone.

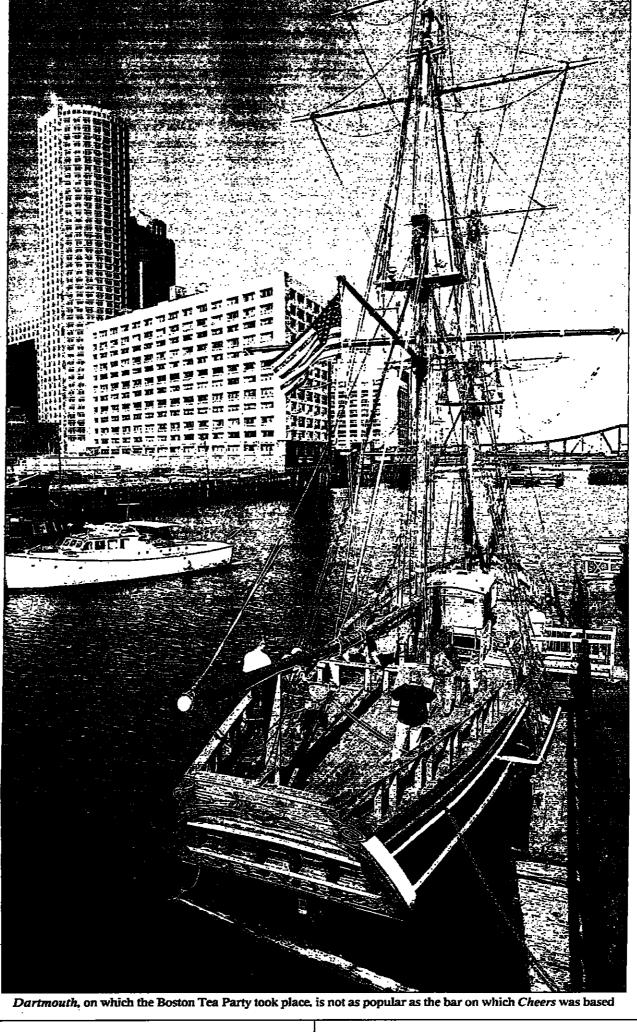
am one for trees and irony, however, and the vast elms, flaming maples and Japanese weeping willows of the Boston Public Garden impressed nearly as much as the information that the man who built the first gallows on Boston Common ended up being the first man to be hanged on them. Apparently he charged too much for his work and was summarily sentenced to death.

Unless you're being ju-Common, just behind the old town, is a good place to observe a miracle of the modern Boston skyline. During the day the two largest skyscrapers, the John Han-cock and the Prudential Building, are virtually invisible because their glass sides reflect the light all around. But as the sun goes hundreds of lighted office windows appear and the two giant obelisks become fully

visible in the night sky.

And if it's night time, it's time for music so I went to the Bull and Finch again. The bar is full of noisy people. A recent cultural history quiz is held. The answers are Elvis, Chuck Berry, the Ronettes and the Crystals. I win and get a baseball cap with Cheers written on it. Don't Ameri-cans teach their children history at all?

RAY CONNOLLY The author was a guest of Funway Holidays and Virgin Atlantic



TRAVEL TIPS

Where on earth?

WHERE are (a) Belak. (b) Nunavut, (c) Mahinga, (d) Jambi, (e) Saaremaa, (f) Laloug and (g) Zaarour?*

They are all prospective holiday destinations peddled at the World Travel Market in London earlier this week, along with weekend breaks in Kiev. ecohotels in Oslo, and Jakarta as a cultural centre. Some are no doubt pie-in-the-sky but a few years ago, who would have dreams of weekend breaks to Rio, that the Dominican Republic would become the new Costa Brava and that Goa would compete with Cyprus for winter

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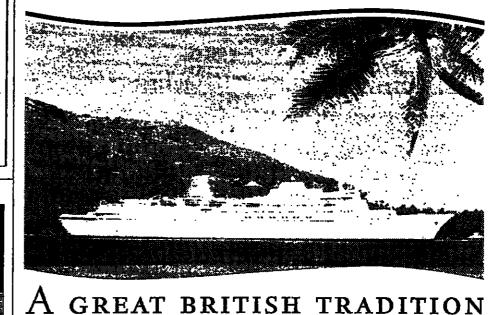
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International skiing: In the first of a three-part series, Doug Sager looks at holidays for those on a budget



rice is the ultimate factor in most skiers' choice of a holiday. Starting at the bottom, this week we begin a three-part series examining budget, mid-priced and luxury holidays. The budget range has been set at under £500 a week, with luxury holidays at more than £1,000 and the mid-

price range between the two.

Skiers on a budget will know that timing is everything. Before Christmas and after Easter, prices from the most upmarket tour operators can fall in last-minute price cuts to below advertised prices for even the least-favoured resorts in high season

by "budget" tour operators.

Self-drive and self-catering holidays will normally cost less than half-board chalet holidays with flights and transfers, which are usually better value than hotel holidays.

hotel holidays.

With mainstream operators such as Crystal listing more than 10,000 holidays at brochure prices ranging from under £300 to well over £1,000, and with upgrade options and group discounts further fudging the bottom line, it is obvious that few tour operators willingly accept

The ultimate balancing act

being forced into either the budget or the luxury category, preferring instead to be all things to all skiers.

The holidays quoted below are all for the peak half-term week beginning February 15. Each holiday is meant to be representative, but is in no case meant to imply that one tour operator is more or less expensive than another throughout the range of its programme.

Prices are quoted according to industry standards: per person based on double occupancy and including flights and transfers, plus seven nights' accommodation, unless stated otherwise.

Balkan Holidays (0171-493 8612). Claiming to be the specialist tour operator to Romania and Bulgaria, Balkan Holidays cites 30 years of experience in Eastern Europe, where most accommodation is in B&Bs or half-board hotels (often the Soviet-style,

monolithic type) pensions, and Aframe chalets. Example: Hotel Malina, Pamporovo, Bulgaria: B&B, four sharing,

ovo, Bulgaria: B&B, four sharing, £318.

Panorama (01273 206531)

Not many budget tour operators have their own Internet site, but

have their own Internet site, but Panorama offers this electronic alternative to paper brochures, http://www.phg.co.uk showing its holidays at Killington in Vermont, as well as Livigno and Sauze d'Oulx in Italy, and three resorts in Andorra. Emphasising great value duty-free skiing and 40 years of experience, Panorama focuses on self-catering flats, small hotels and the odd chalet. Example: Galli Apartments, Livigno: flat, six sharing, £319.

Interski (01623 456333)
Lively and all-inclusive school and group bolidays by coach to the Aosta Valley in Italy include everything: hot lunches on the

mountain, skipass with four hours of lessons a day, and ski equipment hire as well as evening entertainment. Operating for 13 years, Interski also caters for about 3,500 adults at its less than centrally located family-style hotels.

Example: Hotel Valdigne, Courmayeur: full board, two to four sharing, £559 for nine days.

Motours (01892 518555)
Almost all accommodation is in self-catering apartments, with occasional half-board or chalet options. The exact dimensions of each flat are carefully noted in the brochure, which lists 23 French resorts, including Courcheval and super-value Superdevoluy. Prices include return Channel crossings on Sally Ferries. Le Shuttle and other crossings are available for a small supplement. Example: Residence de la Fôret, Flaine: self-catering studio, two sharing, £272.

Travelscene (0181-863 2787)

The company offers self-drive, self-catering holidays to 18 French resorts, with accommodation in studios and flats — the way French families do it. Prices include return crossings on the Ransgate-Dunkirk route, with supplements for Le Shuttle or other crossing routes.

Example: Le Ruitor Apartments,

Example: Le Ruitor Apartments, Les Arcs: self-catering flat, four sharing, £306.

Waymark (01753 516477)
Anybody who thinks cross-country skiing is cheap, just because there is no lift pass to buy, has never looked at the brochures. Waymark, with 23 years on skinny skis, features more than 40 resorts in nine cross-country nations, including Poland and Finland. Many of these holidays are well above £500, but even in high season and in notoriously expensive Norway, you can still

ing all flights, at under £500. Example: P Hallingen Chalets, Hallingen, Norway: half-board accommodation in two-bedroom flat, four sharing, £420.

Frontier Ski (0171-839 1627). It's a struggle to find skiing under £500 in February in North America, but Frontier is a fore-rumer in discovering Canada's best budget hideaways. Red Mountain has phenomenal snow, although lifts and lodging at the resort are somewhat behind the times. Frontier's price includes transfer flights to Castelgar, the local airport. Example: Hotel Uplander. Red Mountain, Canada: no meals, two sharing hotel room, six-day skipass included, £323.

Snow Bizz (01778 341455)
Families looking for free ski guides, crèche sites, doorstep skiing and the options of flying or driving to a resort uncontami-

nated by more than one British tour operator will find a home in Puy St Vincent in France. Example: PSV Apartments, Puy St Vincent: half-board accommodation (only five evening meals) in large, purpose-built complex, two sharing, £479.

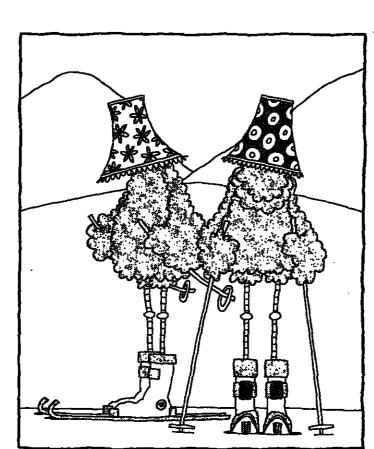
Ski Peak (01252 794941)
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Example: La Villette Apartments,

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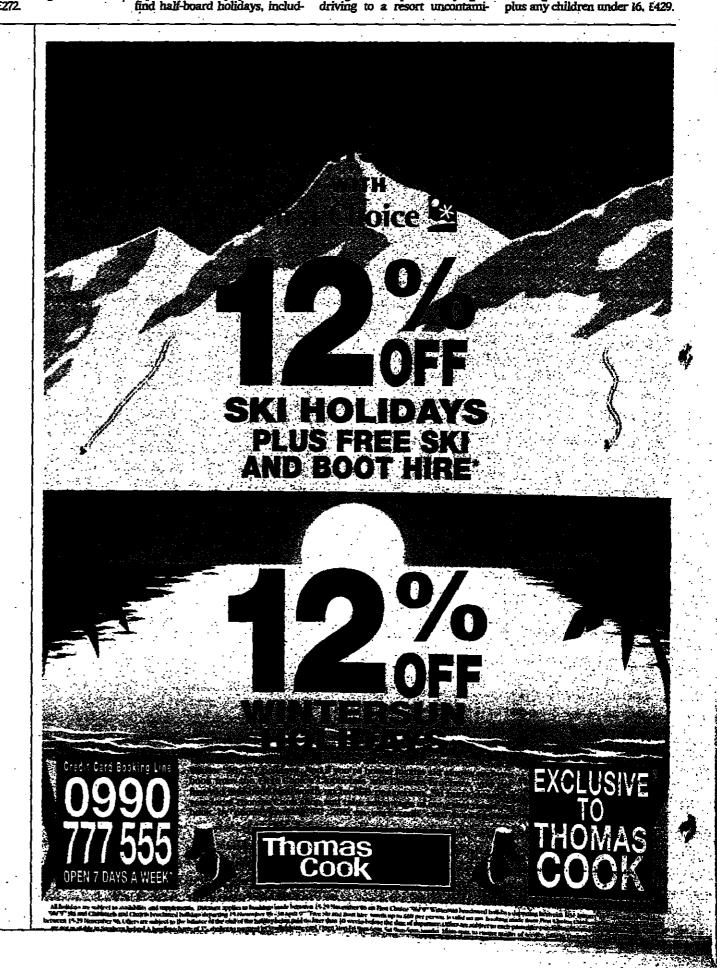


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The Midlands: From medieval battlements to rolling wooded hills, via the furnaces of a dark industrial past

Bed and bawd fit for a queen

ou must see Shake-speare at Stratford," a thespian friend said. horrified that anyone could reach the age of 26 without going through this rite of passage. So I told my companion that the environs of Stratford-upon-Avon were to be our destination for a three-day, motoring break.
He listened aghast to my inner-ary Warwick Castle, Kenil-worth Castle and Leamington Spa - and warned that it sounded like death by history.

Our first stop was anything but stuffy. Warwick Castle, set in the middle of the beautiful university town, has stood here in some form since the time of William the Conqueror. The pristine castle is an excellent stage on which to recreate medieval times. The Tussaud's Group, owner of the castle and the waxworks museum in London, has put on a wax-works exhibition showing the preparations for one of the battles in the War of the Roses.

Although I expected it to be tacky, it is far more lively and evocative than I imagined. You could tiptoe to within nibbling distance of these 15th-century folk and not tell them apart from the staff clad in period costumes.

Because I love a good ghost story, I was impressed by the creepy voice echoing through the Ghost Tower, which is said to be stalked by the spirit of a mur-

The River Avon runs by the castle and a bridge connects the castle to an island, the scene of some bizarre zookeeping exploits in the 1890s. The then Countess of Warwick thought racoons, Japa-nese deer, Chinese geese, an elephant and an emu would make ideal pets. The emu gained notoriety for chasing a bishop around the castle grounds.

A problem with the castle is

that it is a victim of its own success, attracting coachloads of visitors. This year it was given the National Heritage Award as Britain's finest family attraction. A winter visit might be less frustrating, and it might be wise to arrive just as the castle opens: Rather than jostle elbows in the castle's two restaurants and café, plump for a cream tea in one of the town's fine tearooms. ...

Kenilworth Castle, five miles north of Warwick, is a sober-contrast to its neighbour bare, ruined and magnificent. There are no restaurants or signposts. no exquisitely landscaped gardens, and few visitors. It is all the



The impressive remains of Kenilworth Castle, a Roman fortress that became the home of Elizabeth I's favourite courtier, Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester

fortress here out of earth and timber. It was rebuilt in stone in the 12th century and surrounded by a great lake, now gone.

Before doing anything else, wander around the exhibition in the stables. Kenilworth is where Elizabeth I paid the longest visit to a subject. She was the guest of Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, a favourite courtier who spent f60.000 over ten years preparing the castle for her visit. The relationship between the Virgin Queen and Dudley is dissected in satisfying detail — an Elizabethan saga of sex, death and ruffed

With this wonderfully sordid tale planted in your mind, climb inside the roofless towers. You can look up at the sky through the

the heavens, contains the carved fireplace of one of the grandest rooms in England. No waxwork dummies here, but you can imagine what saucy goings-on these buildings witnessed.

everal half-hour sightseeing ambles are pos-sible from the castle, one of which will take you to the ruins of a nearby abbey on Castle Green. The church of St Nicholas, marked with bullet holes from the Civil War, stands next to the remains. Our final stop on the third day

was Royal Learnington Spa. two miles east of Warwick, to take the waters as the Victorians used to. The peaceful and pretty Jephson Gardens, near the River Learn and opposite the Pump Room, are beth once peered through. The named after the doctor who The Normans built the first statuesque Great Hall, open to brought the restorative powers of Course, Stratford-upon-Avon.

the waters to public attention and wealth to the town. It is a faded wealth, now that people no longer flock here to seek relaxation and respite. The town's decline is mirrored in the fate of the central network of Regency houses, wide streets and graceful crescents, which are now limbs of an enormous shopping complex.

Disappointed, we drove back to Stratford for the culmination of our historical tour. Luckily *The Taming of the Shrew* turned out to be a hugely bawdy affair. That, together with the restful surroundings of the Welcombe Hotel. just outside Stratford, made our three-day jaunt a perfectly relaxing death by history.

Anjana Ahuja the Welcombe Hotel and Golf

Birdsong and beauty bordering Birmingham

IT IS NOT HARD to get into the countryside from Birmingham. About ten miles to the southwest of the city centre, just over the Worcestershire border, are the Clent Hills; wonderful rolling hills of more than 400 acres with fine woods, heath and farmland.

Much of the Clent Hills used to be common land, with sheep, cattle and ponies grazing on the hillsides. Not so many animals are to be seen now, but in summer the bird life is as rich as ever, with meadow pipits on the grassland, tree pipits in the wooded valleys, and all the regular summer warblers to be heard. Buzzards and ravens sometimes drift in from the Black Mountains of Wales, which can be seen over to the west on a clear day, with the long blue line of the Malvern Hills to the south.

The National Trust owns much of the land, and last year took over the management of it from Hereford and Worcester County Council. A young warden, Chris Weaver, has started replanting grass and small trees in several areas alongside the footpaths, where erosion had worn much of the grass away, and the charm of the hills just above the restaurants) is being restored.

Higher up, clumps of Scots pine planted as romantic features in the 18th century crown the horizon, and there is a completely fake circle of old stones that was erected as a picturesque addition at the same time. Age has iven them authenticity as an 18th-century folly. Beyond the circle of stones stretch miles and miles of good walking.

THE PEOPLE of Birmingham used to come out into the hills to brawl and gamble in Victorian times, and the 1880 bylaws used much the same language as today's Country Code: among the activities outlawed (in addition to the brawling and gambling) were "felling, cutting, burning, breaking or otherwise doing wilful damage or injury to the timber or other trees, shrubs, brushwood, gorse, furze, fern, flowers or turf on the common". The warden is still looking out for any breach of the bylaws.

The day I was there, there was a party of young Muslim women in exotic dresses walking about with their small children. They were from inner Birmingham, and neither mothers nor children had ever seen the English countryside before. They had been invited there as part of a new National Trust scheme to introduce more people to the countryside, especially those for whom it is an unfamiliar and even alarming place.

To make the introduction easier, there was an exotic line of custom-built scarecrows on one hillside, erected by a local "crow man", and the children were getting great amusement out of these. Let us hope that, with the help of the Clent Hills, they will graduate into seeing real scarecrows in due course.

DERWENT MAY

Etched in black and gold



Keith Cheetham at the Black Country Museum

t must be a job selling the Black Country. The name A carries heavy commota-tions: industry, soot, dirt and grime. Its whereabouts is another commdram: "above Gloucester" and "below Manchester perhaps. Not that this deters Keith Cheetham, the area's director of tourism. "We have the old heavy industry image to overcome, but once people have been here their perception changes for ever," he said.

Officially the Black Country takes in four West Midlands boroughs: Wolverhampton, Walsall, Sandwell and Dud-

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ley. The area led the early Industrial Revolution. It had outcrop coal, charcoal, iron, fire-stone and lime. Cottage industries spread from village to village until each had its own specialism. Bloxwich crafted awls and cockspurs. Rowley made jew's-harps. Cradley Heath hammered chains and anchor cables. Oldbury specialised in chemicals; Willenhall in locks; West Bromwich in springs: Stourbridge in glass. Tipton on Cut had so many canals it was called the Venice of the Midlands.

The Black Country skyline was dark by day (hence the name) and gold by night because of plumes of soot and the glow of furnaces. Queen QUALITY STRATFORD VICTORIA -Victoria snapped shut her carriage curtains when she Lucury Breaks at Bargain Prices in Historic Stratford-upo

sped through by train. The furnaces still fire and blast today, as they have since 1776, at Royal Brierley Crystal in Brierley Hill. The factory visits display glass blowing, glass turning, marking, etch-ing and polishing. World-class craftsmanship passes from master to apprentice. Watching the diamond lathe etchers is a show of skill and concentration. American tourists seek out Royal Brierley.
The heart of the Black

Country is Dudley and its focus is Dudley Castle. Its hill site has housed a castle since the time of Dudo, a Saxon king. The ruin (abandoned in 1750) rests on a seven-mile ridge running southeast from Wolverhampton known as the Dorsal Ridge of the Black Country. It is England's main watershed. Rain falling on its west side trickles to the Bristol Channel. Water on the east heads for the North Sea.

n excellent exhibition in the castle conjures the A the castle conjures the colours, sights and sounds of a medieval motte and bailey. Directly beneath the castle hill is an early canal system, the Dudley Tunnel. It was cut in 1775 and linked the Earl of Dudley's limestone mines with the Birmingham and Stourbridge Canals. A boat trip through the system to hear the history of the caverns and mines is perfect on a still

summer night. The region's top draw is the Black Country Museum, an industrial heritage of film-set proportions. Imagine typical Black Country buildings -19th-century foundries, metal workshops, ironworks and stores - moved brick by brick and reassembled as a 26-acre model village. The streets are cobbled, the shops packed with period goods and costurned actors greet you at anvil and doorstep and recount the conditions of the day.

Many new tourists attracted to the Black Country have local connections, often tracing their family history. They may be as intrigued as the Americans to discover where the Black in BC comes from

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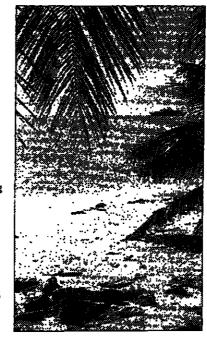
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to swim and snorkel over the reefs. DAYS 6,7&8 At sea

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forest nature reserve which is home to the bizzarly shaped coco de mer and the rare black parrot. Sail during lunch to nearby La Digue, thought by many to be the most beautiful of all the Seychelles islands. Explore on foot, bicycle or excart. See the stunning beaches with the giant granite outcrops. Moor overnight.

DAY 11 Coustn Morning visit to the Special Nature Reserve of Cousin, an island totally encircled by a reef. This is a wonderful place to see many of the Seychelles rarest birds, also



the endangered hawksbill turtle and the giant Aldabran tortoise Sail during lunch to Anse Lazio, a spectacular beach on the north western tip of Prasiin. Here you can enjoy the excellent swimming or snorkelling or join an organised walk along the fascinating network of footpaths through the forests and along the headlands. Moor overnight.

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Poland: Pizza Hut and pop music have made their mark but it's impossible to ignore the past

Baroque with a pinch of salt

fter the cemetery," says Dr Bazozowski, "we will go to the salt mine." Tourism in Poland offers some novel experiences. Since the fall of Communism in 1989, the country has embraced the West and many of its values. Pierre Cardin, Benetton and Pizza Hut line city streets; 24-hour drive-in diners bustle in the suburbs: strip bars and Gay Video Peep Shows lurk down cobbled alleys.

The free market economy has

brought Michael Jackson — booking 69 rooms at a plush Warsaw hotel — and a contained explosion of tourism. And it has brought Dr Bazozowski to our hotel in Krakow, Poland's former capital.

Dr B is a retired geologist. He wears a baggy blue suit and a tight pullover, tucked into his trousers. We have too little time to appreciate Krakow, he says, so he packs six hours of sightseeing into three hours before lunch. He skids and scurries along the rainy streets, a baggy blur. His commentary gets ever more frenetic — names, dates. styles, everything either very famous, very important or very interesting. By

noon, he is faster than shorthand. First, we hit the Schindler's List Trail. Steven Spielberg filmed extensively in Krakow, where the German industrialist saved the lives of many ghettodwellers. "He made a few mistakes." says Dr B. "But not special ones." The line recalls the Polish government minister who described the economy as

"good, but not hopeless". Dr B leads us through shabby industrial back streets into an overgrown Jewish cemetery. The graves are covered with moss and ivy. The Nazis smashed many of the stones and used them for pavements. Fragments have been rescued and set in concrete as a Wailing Wall. Fractured scraps of surname — ...amberger, Rosen ... are stark reminders of oppression.

Later our bus bumps along a pot-holed street to Schindler's factory. Opposite a Solidarity noticeboard is a torn photograph of Schindler sur-rounded by factory workers. We peer through the locked gates (it is Sunday) and a man in an old vest stares down at us from a first floor window. He shakes his head and pulls the curtain.

Even 50 years on, it's difficult to avoid the war in Poland. The journey north to Nazi-devastated Warsaw will feature a harrowing afternoon at Auschwitz, but for the moment, we take in Krakow, a beguiling city which modern planners have yet to blight.

its central square is reputedly the biggest and best-preserved in Europe. Buildings of Baroque extravagance and 18th-century elegance alternate with churches piled high with towers and turrets, spires, domes and pinnacles. Outside the church, stocky old women with headscarves and thick woollen socks sell bread rings and dazzling yellow orchids. Nuns heave great bags of shopping up narrow streets. And at the Staropolska Restaurant, a thick-set family sits down for a breakfast of boiled pig's leg, potatoes and cabbage. Poland is a meat-eater's paradise; as a vegetarian, I ate a lot of eggs. The record was seven in one day (variously cooked).

After lunch (omelette), it's time for the salt mine - at Wieliczka, ten miles east. This is tourism for human moles, a twomile trek around underground pas-sages that pull in 600,000 visitors a year. In three hours, we learn most of

what there is to know about salt. The mine — 1,000ft at its deepest and with 190 miles of passages — has been worked since 1280. It has long been a fashionable place to visit. Chopin came here, Goethe, the Pope (three times) and Baden Powell, though his significance is lost on a group of Polish railway workers: "Baden Baden?" There's an underground tennis court, a



vast cavern of a cathedral with The Last Supper carved out of salt and a Disneyesque sideshow where a small man wearing an enormous gnome's head spends his days banging lumps of rock salt together and gazing plaintively at visitors. It makes working in Santa's Grotto look dignified.

We drive south, past farmyards of geese, fields of rain-drenched haystacks and farmers with horse-ploughs, to Zakopane, a winter sports resort in the Tatra mountains. The scenery is reputedly stunning, but the mountains stay hidden in mist for two days. Only as we leave do the white peaks glearn in a sudden spotlight of sun and, point proven, the clouds close again like a theatre curtain at the end of a show.

The town centre is Poland's answer to Aviemore - eateries with spit-roast chickens, Swiss chalet hotels and tacky tourist stalls. National styles may vary but tunk is universal. In the Tolk restaurants", men with walrus moustaches holler raucous songs about unfaithful women and exile from the mountains. They play sweaty peasant dances on violins and, between vodkas, point out that their leader's grandfather taught his folk melodies to Szymanowski. Karel Szymanowski was Zakopane's most famous resident. As Poland's major composer between Chopin and Lutoslawski, he settled here in the 1930s and his home, a wooden chalet, is now a lovingly-maintained museum. Young women with serious faces sit on the vine-covered verandah. clasp their hands and listen as his music blasts from the loudspeakers.

Around the house are his white bow tie, apparently just dropped there 60 years ago after a concert, a cigar holder, a typewriter, an alarm clock, a reading lamp with its parchment shade care

fully tilted. The atmosphere is powerful

fusty. Bohemian, slightly repressed.
Chopin's birthplace, further north at
Zelazowa Wola, is a more formal affair. Recitals are regular events. A dozenstrong audience sits ten feet from a Steinway grand and suddenly a mature lady pianist swoops on the keyboard. She is swathed in purple chiffon. At three in the afternoon, it's as though Elvira from Blithe Spirit has materialised to bang out a lew mazurkas. At climaxes, her dangling earrings jangle in time to the music. Outside, stalls sell

Multimedia Chopin on CD-Roms.
The atmosphere of Chopin's music is less self-consciously distilled at nearby Nieborow, a grand 18th-century palace which the composer knew. Behind statues of sprawling lions, the gardens stretch out like a miniature Versailles. The gardeners sit eating their lunch between piles of autumn twigs.

Our week centres on Czestochowa -an average town but one of the world's great pilgrimage centres. In the hilltop monastery, old women whisper rosaries and office workers haul in candles as big as pillars. The walls are covered with crucifixes and, bizarrely, crutches and walking sticks. There's a strong

The focus is the Black Madonna, a much-venerated painting over the altar. As the service closes, fanfares sound, a gold screen slides down over the Madonna, the Church's craving for drama is satisfied and the old women waddle to the confession boxes.

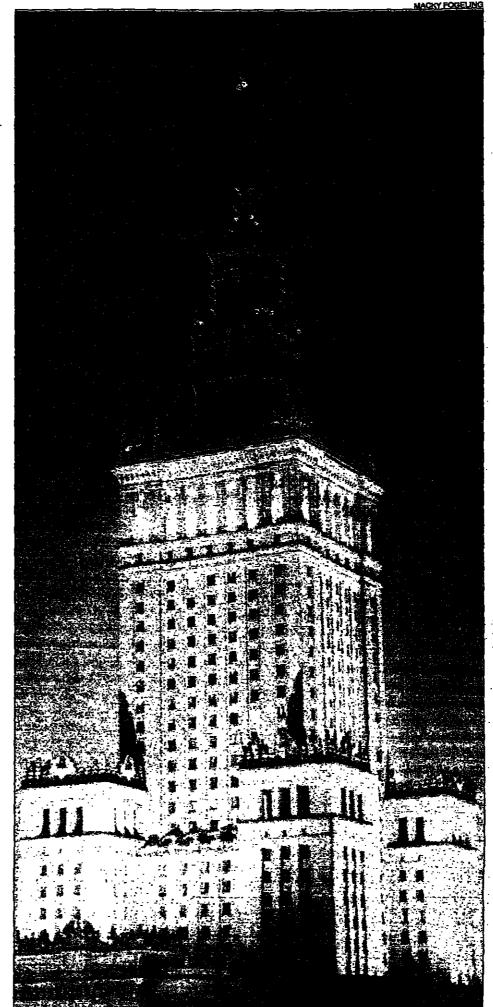
Those old women survived the Nazi occupation, now chillingly remembered at Auschwitz, where prisoners were taken "to start a new life". School parties tour the camp, which presents unspeakable horror with forensic matter-of-factness. It makes an unlikely tourist attraction but, in Poland, an inevitable one. In Warsaw on our last night, we see photographs of the Nazis' destruction of the city — prairies of demolished brick under a slate-grey sky. The old city has be stage set. It is, say Warsovians, the

newest old city in Europe. The crowds are out for Michael Jackson. Street markets flourish. Another McDonald's opens. Poland renews itself again.

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WORD WATCHING

Answers from Page 27 **TWANKAY**

(c) A variety of green tea (in full Twankay tea), properly from the place so called. But also applied to blends of this with other growths. A top-onym from the Chinese Tongké, dialect form of Tun-ki or Tun-chi, the name of two streams (and a town) in Anhui and Chi-kiang, China. Authorities differ as to which of these is the true source of the emetic tea. "He didn't want to sit drinking hot grog with the old boy. He infinitely preferred cold Twankay, with the young damsel."

TENACE

(a) A name given to the combination of two cards of any suit consisting of the next higher and the next lower in value than the highest card held by the other side, espe-cially when this combination is held by the fourth player. From the Spanish tenaza pincers or tongs. "If you have tenaces in your hand, that is two cards which, if you have the leading, you are sure to lead to you, you are sure to win them both."

UMBEL

(b) A mass of inflorescence borne upon pedicels of nearly equal length springing from a common centre. Adaptation of the Latin umbella a sunshade or parasol, the diminutive of umbra a shadow. "On the top of the branches of the elder. there spring sweet and crisped umbels, swelling with white odoriferous flowers."

URSULINE

(b) A religious order of nuns, established under the rule of St Augustine in 1572 from a company founded at Brescia in 1537, for the teaching of girls, nursing of the sick, and the sanctification of the lives of its members. The eponym of Ursula, name of a legendary early British virgin-martyr.
These it is my purpose to dedicate to Heaven in the convent of the Ursulines."



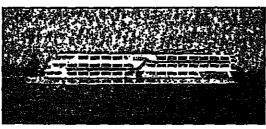
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The most catholic wine selections in the French Channel ports are available from the British wine retailers who, faut de mieux, have opened up there to get themselves some of the "booze. cruise" action. Sainsbury's is alongside Mammouth in Calais-Ouest, Tesco and Victoria Wine in the huge Cité Europe shopping centre just outside Calais, and the Grape Shop is in Rue Thiers, Boulogne. The last two are the most attractive and

• Beer: rather than or-dinary lagers or British beers for reimportation, buy some of the local special beers. Particularly recommended: Brasserie Castelain bière de garde. Ch'ti Blonde, L'Atrébate malt beer from Brasserie Becu, and Bière des Trois Monts, a top-brewed beer from the Brasserie de Saint-Sylvestre with a notable strength of 8.5

Oysters: no French Christmas is complete without oysters. The French fish shops (L'Huitrière Calaisienne in Boulevard Lafayette or A la Sole Berckoise in Boulevard Jacouard, Calais) and hypermarkets can provide seaweed packed pan-niers of the molluses in which, kept moist and cool, they will safely survive two

to five days. • Hams: try moist-cured jambon de Paris (a rival to best York), more mature Ardennes, air-dried Bay-onne, and Italian specimens, from Val d'Aosta, San Daniele and Parma, often at promotional prices.

Turkey: Licques, a short-distance inland from Calais, is as famous in France for its turkeys as Norfolk is in England. To order ring Licques Volailles on 00 33 321 35 80 03. They will reserve birds for collection, or deliver by mail order.

• Other poultry: the classic French bird is the poulet de

Bresse, but the Nord Pas-de-Calais also has a reputation for chickens, guinearowl and ducks. A red and blue label appears on birds whose quality and erigin within the region is guaranteed. Major brands are Des Essarts and lianglant. Fland'art.

Christmas pudding the French make festive puddings which use plums—and not strivelled grapes—in a light sponge.

 Christmas cake not a dense and heavy fruit block loaded down with fondant icing, but a light and cheery chocolare concortion called tracks. buche de Noël (yule log). The best boulangerie-patisserie, also for cake and speciality bread, in Calais is the anony-mous shop of M Merlot at 10 Rue Jean-Noël Dubout, off the north eastern corner of Place d'Armes in Calais-Nord (the coastal end of town). Also good are the Pâtisserie aux 6 Bourgeois at 53. Rue Royale, Calais-Nord; M Verschelle's Aux Delices de Calais, at the corner of Boulevard Jacquard and the Rue des Quatre Coins in (inland) Calais-Sud; Fred, at the bottom of Boulevard Jacquard, near the town hall, and also on Place Dalton in Boulogne; and the three branches of Cornet d'Amour in Boulogne. For those with time to take a spin down the coast, the oustanding patisserie of the region is the Lido in Le Touquet. Aux Delices de Calais and the Lido also do marrons glacées, choc-olate truffles and petits fours of premier quality, all essen-tial purchases if your French Christmas is to be complete. • Cheese: the British have the unwholesome idea that sulton should be eaten with a spoon, an ungainly way of ruining a cheese which, since it is now all pasteurised, has lost much of its distinction in any case. For a cheese that really does need a spoon buy the traditional French Christmas cheese, the unctuously creamy Vacherin de Mont d'Or. The ideal source

is the miraculous From-

agerie of Philippe Olivier, at 43 Rue Thiers in Boulogne. If

you really do not have time to



French beers are good value and it makes sense to stock up on wine, champagne at £7 a bottle, and a wide variety of delicacies including cheese, poultry, pate and cakes

go further than Calais, try the Maison du Fromage in Rue André Gerschel off Place d'Armes in Calais-Nord. Other great French Christmas cheeses include Roquefort (to go with Sauternes). and the northern specialities, pungent Vieux Lille and the piquant Boulette d'Avesnes.

fresh-blanched (mi-cuit), ur raw. If you buy raw, a favourite restaurateur (such as M Laurent at the Relais de la Brocante in Wimille or M Carré at L'Epicure in Witte ereux) may agree to cook it for you at a modest charge. It can be transported in a cool with freezer blocks, and Sources for foie gras and associated delicacies such as magret and confit include M and Mme Canler at Trésors du Puits du Sart at Herrielinghen (321 85 00 79); M and Mme Dusautoir at Haut-Locquin (321 93 1880); and M et Mme Dellerie at

Maninghera (321 90 52 77). Vegetables: Nord Pas-ic Calais is one of the principal vegetable growing areas of France and the products from the fenlands around St Omer, the Audomarois, can be bought in Boulogne's marvellous Saturday morning market in Place Dalton: and the streets around the Eglise St Nicholas. For midweek visitors there is a smaller market on Wednesday mornings also in Place Dalton. The leeks, cauliflowers, turnips, pumpkins, onions and shallots are superb. Look for Ratte du Touquet and BFI5 polatoes. and smoked garlic, a local

speciality with a wonderfully

distinctive flavour.

● Foie gras this can be Cooked dishes a good bought semi-conserved. charcuterie will make up excellent winter dishes which only require reheating. including choucroute garnie (pickled cabbage with cooked meat), cassoulet (pork and poultry bean stew) or petit salé aux lentilles (pork and lentils). The best

charcuterie on the coast is Bourgeois at I Grande Rue in Boulogne. Another source in Boulogne is Edgar Traiteur at 82 Rue de Boston, who takes orders on 321 83 04 25. or has vacuum-packed frozen supplies in the shop. If the shopping has to be done in Calais, try the gastro-

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Mitterrand's mementos

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during his long reign President François Minerrand left behind a number of monuments, not all of which were architec-tural. All around Paris are daily reminders of his public presence, from La Grande Arche at La Defense, to the Bibliothèque de France open-ing next month and the Louvre Pyramid. And all around the Left Bank are reminders of his spectacularly complex private life in the homes of his two mistresses and wife.

The tour of Mitterrand's monuments and mistresses would be difficult to complete in a day, so scattered are the sights, but no visitor can fail to pass a few even unintentionally. Here. Insider's Paris provides a guide to the important works and, as far as possible, the specific street numbers of the various residences. The Bibliotheque Nation-

ale de France by the Gare d'Austerlitz is the last of Mitterrand's grands travaux. Although erected faster and more efficiently than the disastrous new British Library in London, its unsurpassed ugliness and inconvenience for pedes-mans have not proved popular. The four towers designed by Dominique Perrault, the architect, are supposed to regulate onen books but

already they have ugly blinds hanging at the windows to keep out the dazzling light. The basin between the towers is filled with full-size fir trees imported from Scandinavia, but humans are not allowed to promenade in the garden because the trees are held in place by dozens of guy ropes. Former President Mitter-

import was more successful - his long affair with : Swedish the journalist Christina Forsne, who was based in Paris. This resulted in Ravn, his supposed nine-year-old son. Mitterrand was a regular

visitor in the

1980s to Mme Forsne's apart-ment on the Ile St Louis. After the birth of her child she moved to 4 Rue Rollin in the Latin Quarter, when she was not staying at

the Elysée Palace. Unlike the "coming out" of Mitterrand's illegitimate daughter Mazarine in Paris Match magazine and also at his funeral, the presence of Ravu was kept secret. Now. however. Mme Forsne has moved back to Sweden and has written her memoirs of the Mitterrand years

called Don't You Love Life?: it will be published soon.
It is a short walk from Rue Rollin towards the river and 22 Rue de Bievre, the apartment with a garden where Mitterrand conducted the legitimate part of his private life, usually lunching there on Sundays with his wife Danielle and his family. From there, one of Mitterrand's other Scandinavian rand's favourite strolls was

> quinistes - the bookstalls lining the Seine which conveniently ends opposite the Louvre. Here stands perhaps the most popular symbol of his era: I.M. Pei's glass Pyramid in the

Cour Napoleon.

along the Bou-

Many other great projects are worth seeing only if you have good reason to go there: the Finance Ministry at Bercy, concerts at La Cité de la Musique, and performances at the Opera Bastille. The new opera house was criticised as an "aesthetic error" when it was built, but it has served to revitalise the area round the Bastille. At the moment the building is covered in safety

nets as its cladding cracks.

Most of Mitterrand's mon-

iments can be seen in a

panoramic view from the op-of the Grande Arche at La Défense, an ironic take on the Arc de Triomphe. Johan Otto von Spreckelser, the Danish architect, was commissioned for the project but died before completion of the arch, which is slightly squint. 112m high and covered in white marble. From the arch there is a

clear view of the Eiffel Tower, in the shadow of which lies Mitterrand's final resting place, an apartment and office at 9 Avenue Fréderic Le Play. His other mistress. Anne Pingeot, curator at the Musee d'Orsay and mother of his student daughter, lived in an adjoining state-financed flat. Mazarine was named after Rue Mazarine in the sixth arrondissement, where her mother and Mitterrand first trysted.

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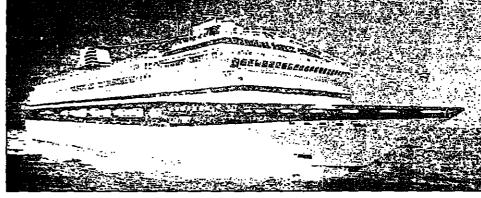
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rom a holiday base on or around Lake Constance you can tour three courtries by boat in comfort and style. Fed by the Rhine, the lake is about 29 miles long and nine miles across at its widest and shares its banks with Germany. Austria and Switzerland.

With mountains on all sides. the shoreline is dotted with little towns, each with its medieval and Renaissance treasures from the period when the lake was the crossing point for international trade routes. It is still busy with traffic, now the criss-crossing "white fleet" of ferries and plea-

The heyday of Lake Constance, also known as the Bodensee, was at the turn of the century when visitors from all over Europe were attracted by the mild climate (the warm weather lasts well into October), the fresh mountain air and the natural hot springs which burst out of the mountainside at the Swiss resort of Bad Ragaz, a fashionable place for those need-

ing an antidote to self-indulgence. In recent years, the Bad Ragaz appeal has shifted to catering for the younger, health-conscious set who take their exercise seriously. Hence the well-equipped health centre. There are three thermal pools, one in the open, quiet rooms for relaxation between dips (20 minutes at a time in a water temperature of 95F is about as long as anyone should take), and an exotic choice of treatments for particular ailments.

The town, a few miles inland from the lake, is in an idyllic setting and on my first evening I watched the sun set over the Alps. A tiny church, its spire sharply defined against the hilly backdrop, is where the children's writer Johanna Spyri drew her inspiration for Heidi, the orphan child with the heart of gold who

went around spreading goodness. There are other attractions, such as riding, cycling, hiking -and eating. It is a paradox of every spa that immediately you take a break from the health routine the culinary temptation beckons. In Bad Ragaz there is a patisserie on every corner and a gourmet restaurant on every



FACT FILE

■ Swissair (0171-434 7300) has six daily flights from Heathrow to Zurich, from £99, excluding taxes. For information about the Relais & Châteaux hotels phone 0171-287 0987. R&C hotels in the area cost from about £120 a night for a double room.

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■ Reading: A Time of Gifts by Patrick Leigh Fermor (Penguin, £7.99, ISBN 0 14004 947 9). Rough Guide Germany by Gordon McLachlan (£11.99, ISBN 185828 [28 8]. Switzerland Travel Survival Kit (Lonely Planet, £8.95, ISBN 0864422008).

block. The cuisine is cosmopolitan. Fresh mushrooms appear frequently at table, having passed the scrutiny of a full-time Inspector of Fungoids, along with the mature, tasty Alpine cheeses.

The wines, mostly white, are fruity and flavourful, and come from small vineyards that rarely sell outside their locality. In spite of its many virtues, Bad

Ragaz has suffered poor holiday seasons lately. Now that German workers find it harder to claim convalescence on social security, fewer are turning up for the water cure. And among enthusiasts there is a feeling that Bad Ragaz up to date. New investment, including the rebuilding in the grand style of the Quellenhof, one of the leading hotels in the region, is intended to restore the town to its former place at the head of the spa league. One hopes it will not detract from the easy-going feel of the place, a haven set apart from the centres of mass tourism. A short distance from Bad

Ragaz is the medieval Austrian town of Bregenz, famous for its summer operas performed on a huge, floating stage. Next year the hot ticket is for Porgy and Bess (from July 17 to August 21) but there are plenty more musical treats from March to September. The old town, narrow cobbled streets and timber-framed houses within a 12th-century wall, is a treat for strollers who invariably wind up at the family-run Hotel Deuring Schlössle, a 17th-century Baroque château half hidden

the hotel's father and son chefs, Heino and Ernst Huber, were on fine form when I was there. A crayfish salad was followed by salmon trout dumplings, scallops of venison with red cabbage and a red elder sauce. Pium tart and cinnamon ice-cream completed

behind Virginia creeper.

Bregenz is a good starting point to explore Lake Constance. For a view of the possibilities, take the cable car to the top of the Pfänder (2,900ft). On one side are the Swiss Alps, on the other the rolling hills of southern Germany. Looking down to the lake, you see the island of Lindau straddling the German-Austrian border.

Along from there are a succession of sights — the Zeppelin museum at the German town of Friedrichshafen (Count Zeppelin was born in Constance at the far end of the lake); the medieval town of Meersburg, with its gabled houses and illustrated façades; and, best of all, the Rococo church at Birnau.

Inside the red-tiled and creamy walled church is an extravagance of rich painting and sculpture. Birnau went through a bad patch in the 19th century and at one

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Lindau, which straddles the German-Austrian border, with its ornate clock, painted house façades and multicoloured tile roofs

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time the church was used to store farm machinery. The rescue was after the First World War when they began a restoration which continued into the 1960s.

For refreshment in convivial company return to Meersburg for lunch at the Winzerstube-zum-Becher, the oldest wine tavern on Lake Constance. In timber-lined rooms its menu ranges from meat grills to perch, trout and a salmon-type fish known as felchen, fresh from the lake. Cost: about £40 for two, with wine. All the lakeside stops are on the

touring Lake Constance is the bargain travel card covering boats, trains, buses and cable cars in all three countries. Currency is not a worry either; most shops and restaurants will take whatever is on offer.

At the northern end of the lake Constance itself, a Roman fort that became a city made rich by the cloth trade. All the symbols of medieval wealth are here, including elaborately decorated merchants' houses and a formidable cathedral. A modern touch is the huge statue of a provocatively attired woman with prominent abutments who stands guard

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over the harbour entrance. Feminists have protested about the lady of the lake, but to no avail.
Within easy reach of Constance is the "flower island" of Mainau, where the rich colours of tropical

egetation can shimmer into a

delightful melange after a glass of the locally distilled schnapps. Following the Rhine to the west of the lake is Schaffhausen, a name that serves for the town, for one of Switzerland's smallest cantons and for the mightiest waterfall in Europe. The Rheinfall is viewed close to from a platform or from a boat that bobs around the lower rocks. Then

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there is a culinary treat in store. The Rheinhotel Fischerzunft, on the banks of the Rhine, is where Andre Jaeger creates "memus of joy" by melding the Eastern and European cusine, from smoked salmon with chopped eggs and ginger to Indian-style soup.

At the end of my trip. I reflected on an accumulation of pleasures that had only begun to touch on the possibilities. Do not let anyone tell you that this part of Europe lacks variety.

BARRY TURNER ● The author was a guest of Relais & Châteaux and Swissair.

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by Raymond Keene

AT THE Staunton Society dinner held at Simpson's in the Strand two weeks ago, Daniel Johnson of The Times, in the course of his address, made a case for commemoration of another giant of Victorian chess, the historian Henry Thomas Buckle (1821-62). Buckle made his mark with his monumental History of Civilisation in England, of which two volumes appeared before he died prematurely of typhoid fever,

In chess terms, he won what was perhaps the first of all chess tournaments, the Divan tournament of 1849, held at Ries's Divan, now Simpson's. This was a national competition, an important forerunner of the the first inernational tournament, in London in 1851. Steinitz regarded Buckle as a stronger player than Shaunton, while Anderssen, who won in 1851, claimed that Buckle was the strongest player he had met up till then. There are even reports that Buckle won a private match against Anderssen, but the evidence of reported game scores is scant.

Daniel Johnson urged that the Staunton Society should consider a suitable memorial to Buckle: "It could take the form of a blue plaque on the site of his residence at 59 Oxford Terrace, now 115 Sussex Gardens in Bayswater, or it might be a chess event in his memory, perhaps to be played here, on the 150th anniversary of the first tournament at the Divan. which Buckle won. We have two years in which to organise it."

The game which follows illustrates Buckle's advanced strategic thinking.

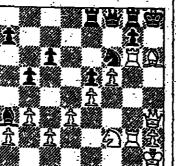
White: Henry Thomas Buckle Black: Johann Lowenthal London, 1851 3. g3 5. Bg2 4 Bb2 Be7

White's double fianchetto development of his bishops would not have seemed out of place among the hypermodern grandmasters of the 1920s...

c6 6 Nc3 Na6 d6 8 0-0 0-0 Bd7 10 Qe2 h6 Qc7 12 Nt2 85

A typical hypermodern device, punching at the centre after first restraining his pawns. If now 15 ... fxe4 l6 Nxe4 Nxe4 I7 Rxe4 Nx5 18 Nxe5 Bxe5 19 Bxe5 Qxe5 20 Bh7+ winning. Such variations show how Black's pawn centre can become a liability: Horrified by these hidden threats. Lowerby these hidden threats. Lowenthal tries an unsound pawn

sacrifice. 😁 14 16 gxt4 Qd7 18 Qh4 N6 20 Ne2 Rae8 22 Kh1 Qr7 24 Rg1 21 Rxe2 b5 Kh7 Rg8 25 Reg2 Nb6 Nbd7 28 d3 Kh8 Be7 30 Bb5 Q68 Nbh5 32 Oxh5 Nf6 Ba3 34 Bxh6 29 Bc1 31 Ch3



Far from gaining play with his sacrifice, Black is now at the mercy of White's counter-sacrificial onslaught. If 34 ... gxh6 35 Rxh6+ Qxh6, 36 Qxh6+ wins easily.

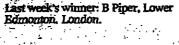
34 ... Nh? 35 Bxg7+Rxg7 36 Rxg7 Cxg7 37 Rxg7 Kxg7 38 Ng4 Bc1 39 Qh5 Re7 40 Qg6+ Ki8 41 f6 Black resigns.

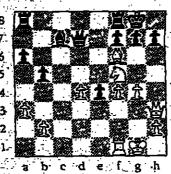
As Buckle himself wrote: "The discoveries of genius alone re-main; it is to them we owe all that we now have, they are for all ages and all times; never young, and never old, they bear the seeds of their own life; they flow on in a perennial and undying stream; they are essentially cumulative, and, giving birth to the additions which they subsequently receive, they thus influence the most distant posterity, and after the lapse of centu-ries produce more effect than they were able to do even at the moment of their promulgation."

By Raymond Keene White to play. This position is a variation from the game Tal -Najdorf, Olympiad 1960. How could the tactical genius Mikhail Tal finish off his kingside attack in brilliant style?

Send answers on a postered to The Times, I Pennington Street, Lindon El 9XN. The first correct solution drawn on Thursday will. receive a year's subscription to the Stannton Society, which includes an invitation to the annual dinner. All first-time entrants will receive a copy of Chess Monthly. The sol-ution will be published next

Last week's solution: 1 ... Rxg4





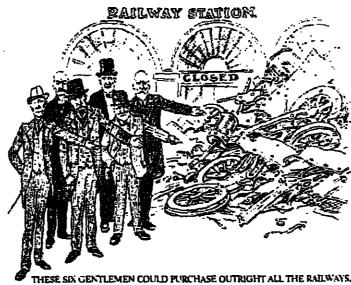
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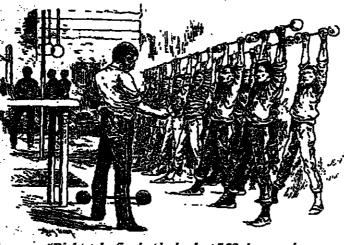
READERS are invited to write an amusing caption for the cartoon (right), from The Strand Magazine preproduced with permission from Westminster Libraries, Sherlock Holmes Collection. Marylebone Library).

The cartoon will be printed again next week on the Games page with a caption from those submitted.

Send caption suggestions on a postcard with your name and address to: Strand Caption (26), Weekend Games Page. The Times, I Pennington Street, London El 9XN.

The Editor's decision is final. The closing date for entries is Wednesday, November 20.





"Right, take five but be back at 7.30 sharp and under the stage for the Pavarotti concert"

The winning caption for last week's cartoon (above) was submitted by Michael Smallcombe of Esher, Surrey

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard TWANKAY

a. A Chinese guitar b. A small dhow c. Green tea

TENACE a. Catch 99 at cards b. A carpenter's vice c. Resolute

UMBEL a. The innards b. A parasol of flowers

 c. Not beautiful URSULINE

a. Like a bear

b. Order of nuns c. A Turkish princess

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BRIDGE

by Robert Sheehan

THE BRITISH Open team failed by nine Victory Points (VPs) to get to the last eight of the Olympiad (a maximum win is 25 VPs). A problem for the team was that one of the pairs played infrequently. There were 35 matches in the round robin; the third pair (Paul Hackett and Ian Monachan) played in six matches. while Forrester and Robson played in 34 and the Hackett twins in 30. Such an uneven workload undoubtedly put a strain on the front two pairs; a more reliable back-up pair would have given the team a better chance.

The British Bridge League used performance in the 1996 Premier League as the basis for selecting the team. The Monachan-sponsored team won the league convincingly, and so was selected en bloc. In some years that method would produce near-enough the best team. But this year, several pairs clearly stron-ger than Hackett and Monachan played in the league, on other teams. Any one of those pairs would have strengthened the Olympiad team.

The 1996-97 Premier League starts this weekend. The BBL will use it as a guide to selecting the team for the 1997 European Championship, although there is provision for separate trials. One thing is certain: if the whole of the winning Premier League team is selected, it will not be the best team that Britain can produce. If Monachan's team wins, that would repeat this year's error. If some other team wins, it would be improved by the addition of either or both of the front two

pairs in the 1996 Olympiad team. This hand from the women's event at the Olympiad was reported to The Times by the tireless Chris Dixon. Beryl Kerr. of Great Britain, was declarer.

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Contract: 6 NT by South Lead: the eight of hearts

Beryl won the heart lead in dummy and played the ace of spades; an excellent contract sud-denly became almost hopeless. However, when West showed out on the spade, she erroneously discarded the two of clubs. Beryl continued with the six of clubs from dummy, and covered East's seven with the nine; surprisingly that held the trick. She crossed back to dummy with the queen of hearts and tried a club to the king; when West won with the ace

she had to play a red card. Beryl won the heart return and cashed all her red suit winners. In the three-card ending East wanted to keep Jxx of spades and the queen of clubs. Couldn't be done, so the Brits scored 990 to add to the 50 gained at the other table when North-South at-tempted the inferior contract of Six Spades.

COMPUTER GAMES AND PASTIMES

WHEN Steven Spielberg lends his name to a game, you know it is sure to have the highest production values, even if the results are on the sterile side. Hollywood or bust is the name of the game in Steven Spielberg's Director's Chair, which comes on three CD-Roms for Windows from Knowledge Adventure.

Promising a taste of the skills needed to produce a blockbuster, after the opening sequence you are ready for your first day at the studio. You have been employed to oversee budget and production of a thriller about a wrongly convicted death-row inmate. First, you meet the two writers assigned to come up with your

script. Should you view the unfolding action through the eyes of the prisoner or his plucky girlfriend? Select and arrange individual written sequences or script in its entirety. Once fin-ished, cult favourite Quentin Tarantino and Jennifer Aniston. from TV's saccharine-sweet Friends series, soon join the venture and await their orders. Next, you move to the studio to shoot the scenes, five or six if

you've opted for the off-the-shelf

script. To position the camera in the right spot for allencompassing wide-angle shots you click on pre-set icons - later, on harder difficulty settings, you also place two other types of camera, giving you more options. A large viewfinder swings across the screen. through which you view each scene as it is performed. After a take you must "print" it, then go on to the next until you have all

two reel-to-reel decks, one for playing and marking rushes and the other for compiling the master tape. Visits to sound, music and graphics labs follow to add scores, sound effects and titles to the film as well as design run off a finished print — only then can you see how well your

The editing suite houses

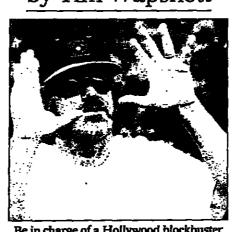
scenes in the can.

film does at the box office. In addition to Tarantino and Aniston, magicians Penn and Teller feature. Spielberg makes regular appearances, introducing

efforts are received by the critical

studio bosses and how well the

by Tim Wapshott



Be in charge of a Hollywood blockbuster in Steven Spielberg's Director's Chair

each of the studio departments in constant encouragement and can be paged for helpful tips. Rather than being a fast-paced unknown quantity balancing tricky edi-torial decisions with critical budget meetings and temperamental artistes' egos, you do little more than logically follow the correct order of mouse clicks. The title THE LISTENER CROSSWORD

feels like a well-made but sanitary tutorial; an efficient behind-the-scenes tour of a studio at work devoid of any hint of backstage pathos or drama. The various video scenes you "film" are better acted than many but, even playing on a top-of-therange desktop computer. these sequences do not run smoothly. Nor is the resolution appealing when enlarged onto the silver-screen at the studio. Prism Leisure has re-

leased three budget-priced children's CD-Roms. In-tended for four to 12-yearolds, Peter Pan and Hansel and Gretel are electronic storybooks with neither charge nor sparkle. The narrators are American and characterisations cheesy.

the on doesn't appear this version of Peter Pan, which sounds as if it was recorded in a dustbin. In addition to the story, Hansel and Gretel includes eight unimpressive games. The third title, however, is a little treasure. Create Your Own Fairy Tales lets children fire up their imaginations by designing their

own animated stories. They select backgrounds and objects, giving actions to a choice of characters. then add music.

This is the last call for Cyberspace Twenty-Seven, which closes on Tuesday and offers 12 copies of the Pet Shop Boys Videography on Video CD/CDi, a video compilation of 15 of the band's hits including West End Girls. Opportunities and It's A Sin.

To enter, simply answer the following question: Which 1960s star performed on the Pet Shop Boys chart-topper from 1987. What Have I Done to Deserve This?" Send your entries — together with your name, age, address and home telephone number - on a postcard to: Cyberspace Twenty-Seven, Computer Games and Pastimes, Weekend. The Times, London El 9XN. The first 12 correct entries will win copies of the videography, plus the Running Press's Bytes of Wisdom, offering advice for computer users.

That man's ears make him look like a taxi-cab with both doors open." Howard Hughes Jnr on Clark Gable, who died this day in 1960.

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17 Jewish state (6) 19 Franz -, Trial author (5) 23 Without visible join (8)

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Gold and precious metal adorning church (5) 7 About a thousand is a large quantity (4) Stalk needs loose tie in support (7) See title and preamble Hunter wastes a second in prayer (5)

Mixed school ate quince in the Lebanon with projections (9) Irishman drank with a sudden pull (7) Finally spy maiden in spot with European priest (6)

Thorny projections on tree - one stowed in ship (6) Shorten a game (7) 23 Gilds begin to abandon fiddle before super-

Resident alien doesn't get on in type of 19 year

cycle (5) See title and preamble 32 Air Traffic association design a watch-tower (7) 33 Some peel seen with other fish (4)

market's opening (9)

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Dispute follows a drink in town on Tyneside

Tailless weasel found around British river (5) Wild impotent fellow given time inside (12) Homer describes a current in lake (5) Hotels instal first of units with water (7) Hill (not tor) is like this mountain height. albeit rocky round about? (12) For Sale - almost complete English set of tubes? (5)

Don't start to remove old bit of meat? (4) Strengthened Senior Officer into saddle galloping (12)

Cordial uses earthy ingredients (6) God's missing island songs of yore (5) He's into the Indian concoction, principally?

Rustic square farm vehicle (5) Zambia has English and Scots bows for pirate vessels (7)

White man conquered peak this year (6) Former diminution of Continental tax (6) Little bird's perch at back (5)

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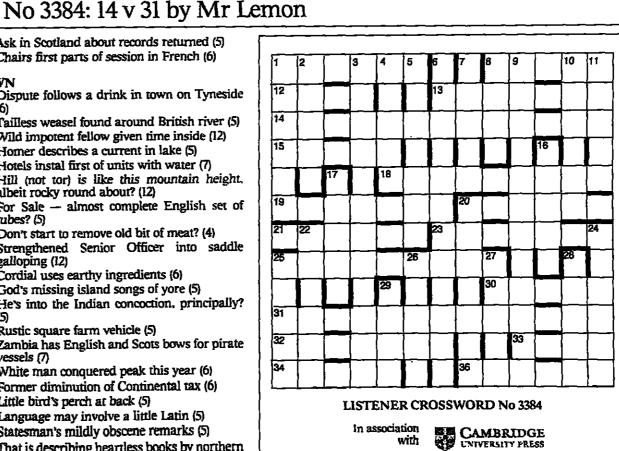
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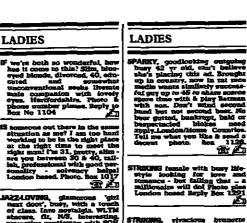
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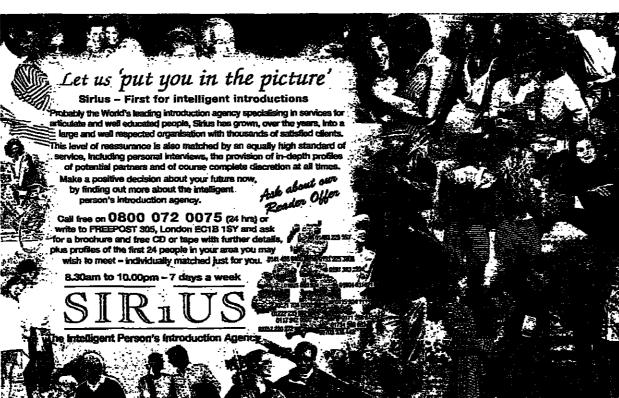




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